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Dole blames London for inaction

British troops held hostage by Serb forces

BY TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BOSNIAN Serb troops took 63 British and 102 Dutch peacekeepers hostage yesterday as the mayor of Bihac issued a desperate appeal for help and Serb forces appeared poised to take over the enclave.

As the battle for Bihac intensified, fresh divisions arose between Britain and the United States over the paralysis of Western policy in Bosnia. Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader who arrives in Britain tomorrow for talks with John Major and Douglas Hurd, called for a more robust stand against the Serbs and singled out Britain as the main obstacle to decisive and co-ordinated action.

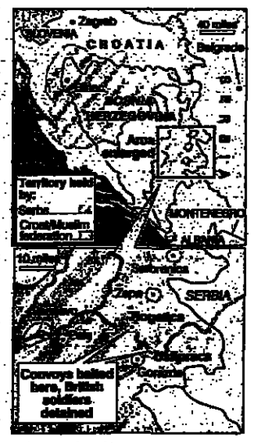
Although the British and French had troops in Bosnia, it was London and not Paris that was stopping a more muscular approach, Mr Dole said. "The biggest stumbling block is the British," he said. "They are the ones who want to do absolutely nothing."

William Perry, the American Secretary of State, conceded that Nato was powerless to stop the Bosnian Serb offensive with airstrikes alone, and said that only a huge deployment of troops could prove decisive. "The Serbs are in control of the situation in Bihac," he said on American television.

Mr Dole called into question the leadership of both Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the British commander of protection forces in Bosnia, and Yasushi Akashi, the United Nations special envoy.

"This is a classic failure where Nato has been tied in knots," Mr Dole said. "They've almost become irrelevant."

Criticisms of Western inaction were echoed by desperate pleas from Bihac itself. Hamdiya Kabiljagic, the mayor, said in a satellite telephone call from an underground bunker that indiscriminate shelling by tanks and light artillery had been directed at the centre of the town in the area of the hospital, which had been left without water, food, electricity, medicine, blood and plasma supplies for its 2,000 patients.



He said that the front line was less than 800 metres from the hospital and that defenders and attackers were so close that they were fighting man to man. "Only two armed UN vehicles with three Bangladeshi crew each have been left at the entrance of the hospital. How can they be trusted to protect the hospital against rockets and tanks and tens of thousands of infantry soldiers?"

He said surgery in the hospital was now being conducted in the corridors with local anaesthetic or none at all. "It is pointless to talk about the humanitarian situation. Hunger has now turned into starvation. The international humanitarian agencies are participating in a conspiracy to destroy the people in the Bosnian region."

He said the Serb artillery positions were on hilltops and could be neutralised with no threat to civilians. He also dismissed any suggestion of surrender. "Are people not aware of the genocide campaigns practised by Serbs troops in towns that have surrendered and put themselves at the mercy of these attackers? Surrender is not an option."

Last night the Bosnian government accepted a UN ceasefire for Bihac, but there was no clear Serb response. On a visit to Belgrade, Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, said he hoped to persuade President Milosevic of Serbia to help to bring about a ceasefire.

Yesterday's hostage-taking by the Bosnian Serbs has taken to more than 250 the number of UN soldiers held as a deterrent against further Nato airstrikes. Britain yesterday expressed concern for the captive soldiers, but Major Robert Adams, a UN spokesman in Gornji Vakuf, said: "We are assured of their safety."

The troops were in regular radio contact with their base unit. UN officials are attempting to "clarify the situation" with officials in the rebel Serb leadership.

One convoy of 43 British soldiers leaving the eastern "safe area" of Gorazde was stopped at a Serb checkpoint at Ustipraca. Another convoy of 20 British military engineers heading towards Gorazde was blocked at Rogatica.

The Dutch and British soldiers were part of normal resupply and troop movement convoys for which the Serb military had agreed passage.

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DEB JENSON



Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, arriving at Heathrow yesterday at the start of a six-day official visit, accompanied by the wife of Pakistan's High Commissioner. Miss Bhutto is expected to urge John Major today to back calls for intervention to aid the Bosnian Muslims

Top Tories ridicule Lamont challenge

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

AN UNEASY Conservative high command yesterday launched a savage assault on Norman Lamont as the former Chancellor left open the prospect that he could spearhead a leadership challenge to the Prime Minister.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said that his old friend Mr Lamont would "cut a ridiculous figure" if he tried to topple John Major.

Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary, warned his colleagues to see sense and not force a challenge. Conservative MPs should not behave "like the tribe that lost its head", he said. Mr Lamont insisted that he could not envisage the circumstances in which he would stand against Mr Major, a formula consistently used by Michael Heseltine before he threw down the gauntlet to Margaret Thatcher four years ago.

Leading Tory rebels were in no doubt that Mr Lamont would become their standard-bearer if they succeeded in assembling the required tally of 34 names by the deadline of Wednesday lunchtime.

With left-wing Tory dissidents privately rebuffing the right's call for support it looked unlikely last night that they would be able to manage it. But as the Government prepared for its critical vote tonight on the European finance Bill, ministers were warned that they would be storing up trouble for the future if they carry out their threat to strip the party whip from MPs who revolt.

Howard: "old friend" would be ridiculous

Senior Conservatives said that the Government would not be able to rely on their support when Labour stages a Commons vote next week to kill off the rise in VAT from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent. That vote is already looking potentially more hazardous to the Government than tonight's because it cannot be certain of support from the Ulster Unionists.

Ministers were also warned that they might have to negotiate a formal pact with the Ulster Unionists to sustain an official majority which would allow them, among other things, to continue to dominate the membership of Commons committees. If only seven Tories either vote against the Government or abstain tonight, and lose the whip as a result, its 14 vote majority will be wiped out on paper.

After a frantic weekend of behind-the-scenes canvassing it appeared certain last night that the Government would secure a comfortable second reading victory tonight. But the cost could be high, with the spectacle of a cadre of long-serving Conservative MPs being immediately turned into party outcasts.

Mr Major's toughest critics were still hoping yesterday

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Pensioners hit the jackpot

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND EMMA WILKINS

EIGHT pensioners were yesterday preparing to share £1.7 million from the National Lottery after staking £1 each.

A steady stream of smartly dressed relatives arrived at the sheltered flats in Newport Pagnall, Buckinghamshire, to congratulate the winners, whose syndicate won a share in this week's total jackpot of just over £7 million.

Three other jackpot prizes were announced by Camelot, the lottery organisers, but a spokesman declined to confirm that Lynn Turner, a Spar shop-assistant from Knottingley, west Yorkshire, had won £1.7 million until her ticket had been validated.

Nick Reid, whose grandmother Jessica Hindmoor, 80, was a member of the senior citizens' syndicate said: "I'm her only grandson. I'm pretty lucky. I might get a car." Mrs Hindmoor, a widow, was too shocked to decide how to spend her windfall, Mr Reid added. "She is overwhelmed."

The group, whose shares work out at £212,000 each, are aged between 75 and 85. The syndicate was organised by Fred Baker, 76, who persuaded seven women friends to join. They each staked £1 a week over eight weeks and agreed to share the money if they won.

Mr Baker and his companions live in a former school which has been converted into three-storey red brick blocks of retirement flats, selling for up to £53,000 each. The numbers were picked by one of the women: she selected the birthdays of relatives.

Maureen White, the house manager, said: "I came downstairs to champagne and excitement. I didn't get to bed until gone one."

The total prize of £21,559,705 was shared between 843,606 winners. Four jackpot winners share £7,043,864. The winning numbers are 6,12,15,16,31,44. The bonus ball is 37.

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Ulster child abuse claims

New claims of child sex abuse by Roman Catholic clergy were made in Northern Ireland. It was alleged that a priest abused a girl in Londonderry and that church official in Co Down abused a boy. The RUC has also passed a file to a Director of Public Prosecutions about an alleged paedophile group on a Londonderry estate ..... Page 3

Scientists in row over BSE

Claims in a book published today that "mad cow" disease poses a serious threat to human life have led to a fierce confrontation between government scientists and their most vociferous critic, Professor Richard Lacey, the microbiologist. In an interview with *The Times*, they accused Professor Lacey of irresponsibility. They said they had taken all possible precautions to stop the disease entering the food chain ..... Page 9

New threat of revolt over VAT fuel rise

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JANET BUSH

KENNETH Clarke's hopes of boosting Tory morale in his Budget tomorrow were clouded yesterday by fresh evidence of a threatened backbench revolt over his plans to raise VAT on fuel to 17.5 per cent from April.

As the Chancellor prepared to increase VAT on gas and electricity bills from 8 per cent, four Tory MPs warned him that they would not give him their support. A showdown is likely to come a week after the Budget, with Labour planning to force a critical Commons vote on the levy.

Phil Gallie, MP for Ayr, and Richard Shepherd, MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, indicated on BBC television that they would abstain if the Chancellor went ahead with the second stage of the VAT impost announced by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, in his Budget in March last year. The VAT rise is part of about £7 billion of higher taxes in the pipeline for next spring, which Mr Clarke is expected to endorse in an otherwise broadly neutral Budget.

Mr Gallie said on BBC television that reluctantly he had accepted the extension of VAT to domestic fuel at 8 per cent when first announced by Mr Lamont. But since then the economic outlook had brightened and moving to 17.5 per cent was no longer needed. "Now is the time to demonstrate we should not be going ahead with the 17.5 per cent. I will not be supporting the Government on that basis."

Mr Shepherd said: "This regressive taxation is not a Conservative policy. I cannot support 17.5 per cent."

Two other Tory MPs, Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, and Ann, his wife,

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Goldsmith forms a Euro referendum party

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



Sir James: party will contest next election

SIR James Goldsmith, the Eurosceptic Anglo-French millionaire, yesterday announced he was forming a political party dedicated to securing a referendum on the outcome of the 1996 summit on the future of the European Union.

The "Referendum Only Party" would begin work immediately on setting up a London headquarters, recruiting agents and selecting candidates to fight the next election.

Sir James, who has a personal fortune estimated at £800 million, promised to fund the new organisation as handsomely as the main political parties, implying a commitment of around £10 million a year. His Europe of Nations party has 19 MEPs from France where it scored 13 per cent of the popular vote in the June elections to the European Parliament.

Sir James, who is president of his party's grouping in Strasbourg, said that Europe was not a matter of left or right but of "No" or "Yes" to a further loss of British sovereignty at the 1996 intergovernmental conference that would review the Maastricht Treaty. He supported a European Union of nation states but was opposed to one which comprised of a unitary state.

The new party's platform would be restricted to a referendum and if it won power, would push through a Bill giving the country the right to pass judgment on the outcome of the summit, then immediately dissolve itself to allow a second general election. If the main parties committed themselves to a referendum, it would no longer be needed.

Sir James said that a new party was necessary because, as Maastricht had demonstrated, the main ones in Britain and most of the rest of Europe, had been opposed to a popular vote. John Major and Tony Blair have been careful not to rule out a referendum on the 1996 conference and a single currency.

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Leigh calls for radical new policies in response to challenge from revitalised Labour Party

Ex-minister widens backbench attack on Tory leadership

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major's backbench critics yesterday broadened their attack on his leadership by calling for radical new policies to give the Conservatives a fresh direction.

Edward Leigh, former trade minister, said consolidation was no way to respond to the challenge posed by a Labour Party revitalised by Tony Blair's leadership. "Steady as she goes will become steady as she sinks," Mr Leigh said when he published a 23-page "manifesto" calling for controversial moves in areas such as health, education, social security and law and order.

With Mr Leigh playing a prominent part in the unrest sweeping the Tory benches, the release of his paper 60 hours before the deadline for a leadership challenge was seen as part of wider moves against Mr Major and a right-wing riposte to his speech at the Tory conference in which he abandoned the quest for the "vision thing".

Mr Leigh, a prominent Euro-sceptic who was sacked by Mr Major last year for disloyalty, said if the Tories did not renew themselves intellectually and morally then they were in real danger. The public would come to see them as pursuing power for its own sake and the Conservative ideal would be discredited.


Leigh: golden chance to say "No, no, no"

Europe should be the litmus test, with the Tories rejecting any further moves towards a federal state and coming out clearly against a single currency. "With Labour and Liberals virtually committed to accepting whatever is placed on their plate by a European superstate, there is a golden opportunity to say 'No, no, no' at the intergovernmental conference [in 1996], fly the flag and win on that alone."

Mr Leigh echoed Norman Lamont's call at the party conference and said it was time to "think the unthinkable and think of effectively leaving" the European Union. The Gainsborough and Horncastle MP, whose views have support on the Euro-sceptic Right of the Tory party, also called for "exciting new policies to promote private provision in health, education and social security".

Instead of the existing tax-funded system of health care, people should be required to pay for sickness and old age. Ministers should study the Singapore approach where all employees are required to set aside 6 per cent of their income into a medical savings account.

All schools should be grant maintained and run by boards of governors dominated by parents. The Education Department and local authorities should be scrapped and replaced by a simple funding and inspectorate agency.

People who ease the burden on the taxpayer by paying for their own health and education should be entitled to a refund of the saving. Social security contributions should be privately managed to boost investment income. Benefits paid out should be linked to contributions made. The able-bodied should be required to work for private firms or undergo training if they do not have enough money put aside to insure themselves against unemployment.

☐ British companies have invested £5.7 billion in European firms subject to the strictures of the Social Chapter since Mr Major gave a warning of its dire consequences for business in July last year.

Speaking in a Commons confidence vote on the Maastricht Treaty 16 months ago, the Prime Minister said the chapter would be "an unwarranted intrusion into British life" that would put the recovery at risk and cost jobs.

However new figures released yesterday by Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath, suggest that the imposition of the chapter, from which Britain obtained a controversial opt-out, has not been a deterrent to expansion in Europe by UK firms.

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TIMETABLE OF CONFRONTATION

☐ **3.30pm today:** Kenneth Clarke opens the debate on the European Finance Bill against a backdrop of plotting, feverish speculation and strong-arm persuasion of waverers on each side. John Major will be beside him on the government front bench.

☐ **6pm:** Fresh Start group of Eurosceptic Tory backbenchers meets to decide tactics on the EU bill and a possible leadership challenge.

☐ **10pm:** MPs vote on the bill and proposed amendments. Tory rebels will make up their minds whether to defy the Government, risking possible deselection, or keep their powder dry for another day.

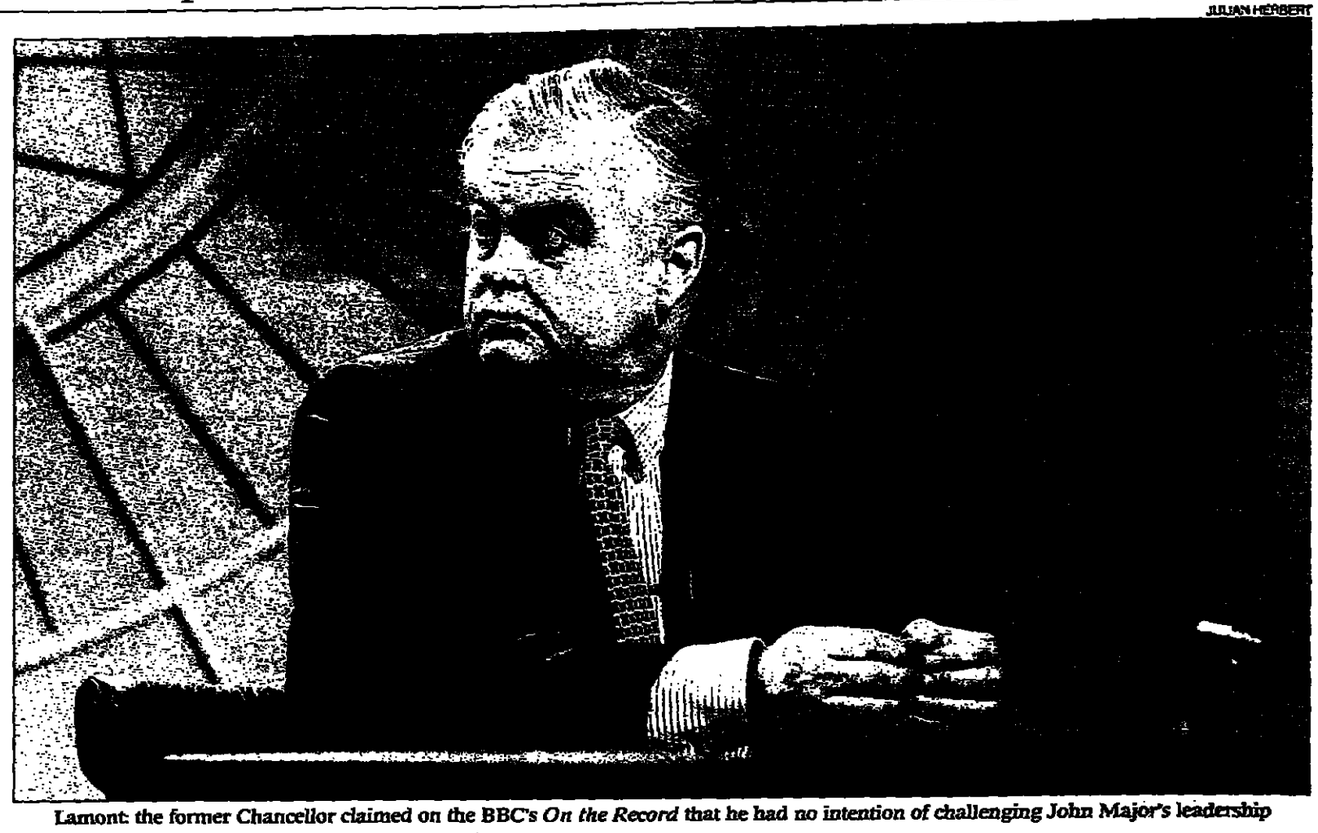
☐ **3.30pm tomorrow:** The Chancellor once again finds himself a central figure in developments when he stands to deliver his Budget. Rebel right-wingers will wait to hear hints of future tax cuts or any relaxation in the Government's stance on its unpopular imposition of VAT on domestic fuel.

☐ **Tomorrow:** The hard-line rebels will be busy signing up any late converts to their leadership contest cause in a bid to pass the threshold of 34 names needed to trigger the show-down with the Prime Minister.

☐ **Noon on Wednesday:** The deadline passes for forcing a contest. If 34 MPs have not written to Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, by then, Mr Major is safe.

☐ **Sunday:** Mr Major travels to Budapest for the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

JULIAN HERBERT


Lamont: the former Chancellor claimed on the BBC's *On the Record* that he had no intention of challenging John Major's leadership

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that the resentment fanned by MPs having to vote against their consciences tonight would spill over into a leadership contest.

But with some of the rebels denied the right to append their names to a challenge call if they lose the whip, and the left apparently unwilling to enter a battle in which they would be seen as lining up with the most ardent Eurosceptics, the chances were fading. The left was also nervous that such an avowed sceptic and firm rightwinger as Edward Leigh, the former Industry Minister, had emerged as a key organiser of the campaign to oust Mr Major.

Mr Lamont, who has left friends with the clear impression that he would be prepared to stand, denied suggestions yesterday that he was secretly planning a challenge. "In the last couple of weeks I have several times publicly said that I have no intention of participating in a leadership election. That remains the position," he said.

"I can't envisage there are circumstances that would change that. I don't think that there will be a leadership election," he told the BBC's *On The Record* programme.

When pressed he said: "I have said I have no intention and that is what I mean. I'm not quite sure why everybody thinks I'm so desperate to get involved in this matter. I'm quite enjoying my life on the backbenches, and I'm not some Edward Heath mark two, filled with bitterness."

Friends of Mr Lamont said last night that the former Chancellor's words had been carefully chosen. He clearly doubted whether the 34 names would be forthcoming, and could not be expected to enter the lists in advance.

Earlier Mr Howard said Mr Lamont could not credibly oppose Mr Major after giving him total support over the issue which has caused the current bust-up in the Tory Party – the deal struck on European finance at the 1992 Edinburgh summit.

"I am sure it is obvious to him that he would cut an absolutely ridiculous figure if he were to do anything of the kind which is being speculated about at the moment," Mr Howard said. "I am quite sure there will not be a challenge to the Prime Minister," he told *Breakfast with Frost*.

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Title puts heir on the spot over Euro vote

By Jonathan Prynn, Political Reporter

LORD James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Conservative MP who succeeded to an earldom last week, faces a battle with bureaucracy to renounce the title in time to vote for the Government in the Commons tonight.

The death of his uncle, the 10th Duke of Selkirk, last Thursday, could not have come at a worse moment, politically speaking, for Lord James, a Scottish Office minister, or for John Major. With the Government desperately counting heads before tonight's debate on the European Finance Bill, which will culminate in a vote of confidence, the loss of Lord James through ennoblement would be a damaging blow.

Lord James, 52, has this weekend been faced with the agonising decision of whether to abandon the Prime Minister in his darkest hour or to rush through a disclaimer of the 350-year-old title without having time to take proper advice on the matter.

It is now thought almost certain that Lord James will stand by the Prime Minister and renounce the title for his lifetime, allowing him to retain his seat in the Commons.

As well as the pressure on him over this week's Commons crisis, Lord James has also had to weigh up the longer term consequences of taking his seat in the Lords. It would mean a by-election in his desparately marginal seat of Edinburgh West, which the Government would be almost certain to lose.

Assuming the Tories lose control of Dudley West next month, that would reduce John Major's Commons majority to 11, and the desperately thin ranks of Scottish Tory MPs would be further depleted.

The Lord Chancellor's department has confirmed that it is technically possible for the disclaimer to the title to be rushed through in time for tonight's vitally important vote in the Commons.

Lord James will have to lodge the disclaimer with the Clerk of the Crown at the department and hope that the necessary certificate of disclaimer can be processed by the end of the day.


Douglas-Hamilton: likely to renounce

Saudis persuade Britain to expel Islamic fundamentalist

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

THE Government has refused political asylum to a hardline Islamic fundamentalist whose presence in London has threatened to torpedo Britain's vital relations with Saudi Arabia. Muhammad al-Massari, who fled to Britain in April, has been told by the Home Office that he must return to Yemen, the country from which he came to Britain after escaping from Saudi Arabia.

The decision to expel him comes after strong pressure on the Government from Saudi Arabia to curb Dr al-Massari's activities. The case was raised by King Fahd in recent meetings with both John Major and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. Dr al-Massari has the right to appeal to an independent body appointed by the Lord Chancellor's Office.

He heads a group of dissident Muslim fundamentalists in London who are agitating for the overthrow of the Saudi royal family. Calling itself the Committee for the Defence group, the group accuses the Saudi government of corruption, pandering to Western liberalism, turning its back on Islam and squandering Saudi wealth on arms.

Dr al-Massari keeps in close touch with Muslim extremists in Saudi Arabia. He also publishes denunciations of the royal family, giving purported details of their private lives and their alleged failure to uphold Islamic principles.

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Source for BT story lied, paper admits

By Robin Young

THE editor of *The Independent* admitted yesterday that his newspaper had "given credence to a liar" when running a story that a computer hacker had penetrated British intelligence.

However, Ian Hargreaves said the fact remained that top-secret information from BT's computer system had been placed on Internet, the global computer network. "Our story showed that BT has a major security problem in the ease with which temporary employees can move about in their computer systems and access top-secret information," he said.

Last Thursday, a story in *The Independent* claimed that a "mystery hacker" had penetrated BT's computer and obtained the secret telephone numbers of MI5, MI6, the royal family and the Prime Minister, and had contacted the source for the story, Steve Fleming, a freelance journalist. In yesterday's *Observer*, he was quoted as admitting having stolen the information himself while working for BT.

New threat of revolt over VAT fuel rise

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MP for Congleton, also opposed the move. "If there is a separate vote on the increase on VAT on fuel, I shall vote against it," Mr Winterton said. "I was one of three who did on the last occasion on the first tranche. I feel as strongly about it now as I did then."

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said Mr Clarke should reduce VAT on fuel to 5 per cent and save £2 billion by tackling government waste and inefficiency.

With the Government's majority down to 14 and with the Ulster Unionists likely to oppose higher VAT, ministers are highly vulnerable to a backbench uprising over the tax. Several other Tories are believed to be ready to join the rebellion. Defeat on a Budget resolution would be a grave blow for the Government.

The Chancellor is expected to use his Budget to pave the way for tax cuts in 1995 and 1996 in the run-up to the election, the most likely date for which is April 1997. Sharp cuts in projected levels of public borrowing and spending will please the City and reassure anxious Conservative MPs that the Government will return to its tax-cutting path before polling day.

With the economy out-performing expectations on inflation and growth, Mr Clarke could slash the public sector borrowing requirement forecast for next year from £28 billion to £20 billion. Such a move would lay the foundations for pre-election tax cuts.

Mr Clarke's difficulty is that political crowd-pleasers in his Budget would be viewed with dismay in the City. Chase Manhattan said: "The worst type of Budget for the financial markets would be one suggesting some desperation on the Government's part to generate a 'feel-good' factor."

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Tougher hostel rules

Tougher rules are to be imposed in a hundred bail and probation hostels in England and Wales. Managers will have to increase the percentage of people completing their time in a hostel satisfactorily from 48 per cent to 75 per cent in two years, according to draft Home Office guidelines. The Home Office intends to make it mandatory for hostel managers to inform the police and courts if an offender or person on bail breaches the hostel's rules on behaviour.

Dublin talks to start

Talks are expected to begin in Dublin today between the Irish Labour Party and Fianna Fail over the formation of a new government. They come as an opinion poll in yesterday's Dublin *Sunday Press* showed that 61 per cent were in favour of a new Fianna Fail/Labour coalition.

Army reserves 'too low'

A Tory MP has warned the Government that Britain's reserve defence forces have fallen to dangerously low levels. Julian Brazier, the member for Canterbury, said: "There is precious little of an army-in-waiting to be worked up to replace formations which may be destroyed in war."

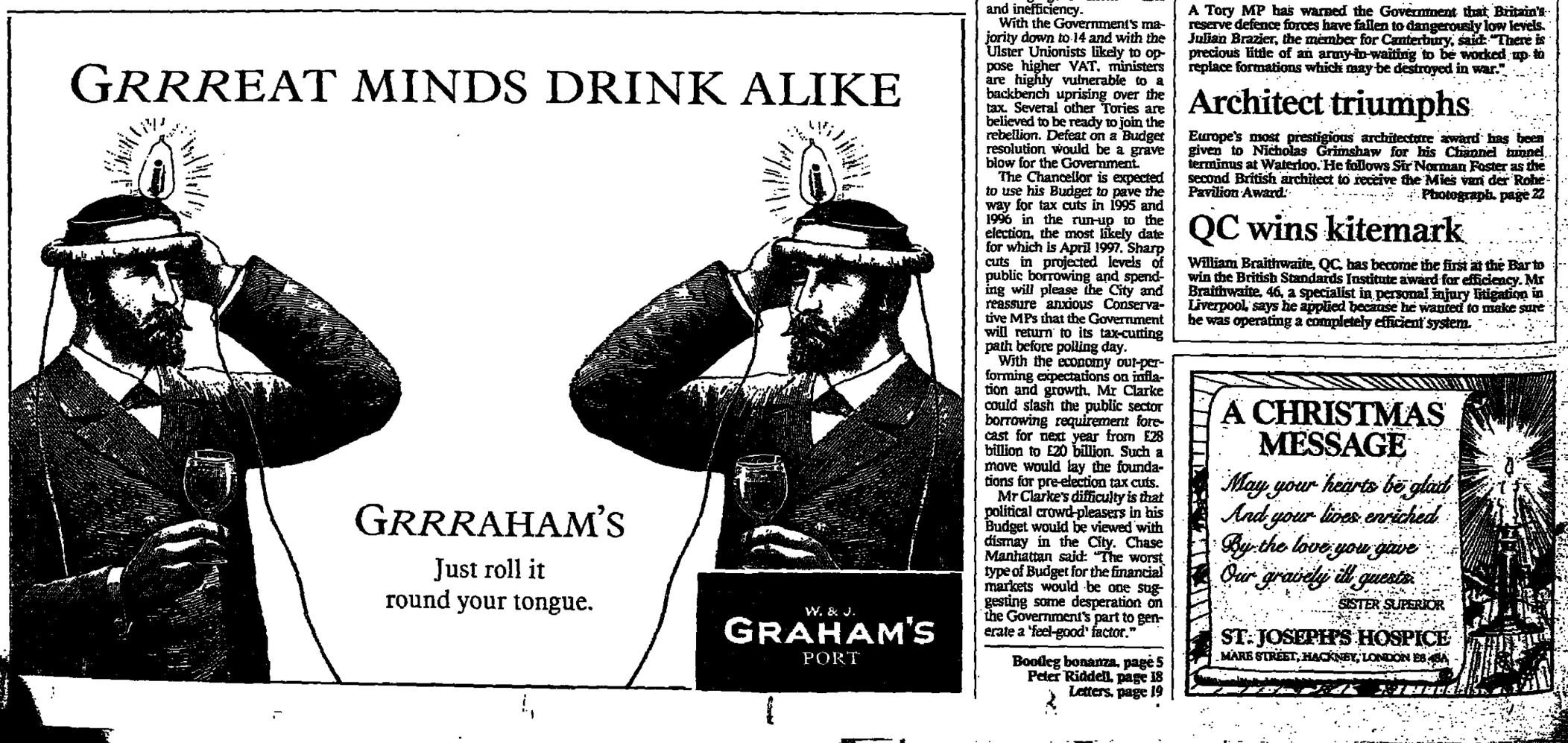
Architect triumphs

Europe's most prestigious architecture award has been given to Nicholas Grimshaw for his Channel tunnel terminus at Waterloo. He follows Sir Norman Foster as the second British architect to receive the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion Award.

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QC wins kitemark

William Braithwaite, QC, has become the first at the Bar to win the British Standards Institute award for efficiency. Mr Braithwaite, 46, a specialist in personal injury litigation in Liverpool, says he applied because he wanted to make sure he was operating a completely efficient system.



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More allegations of sex abuse rock Catholic Church

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Roman Catholic Church in Ireland was shaken yesterday by fresh claims of child sex abuse by members of the clergy when it was alleged that a priest abused a young girl in Londonderry.

The priest, who lived in the city for a year in the late 1980s, is alleged to have assaulted the girl in 1988 when she was eight years old. The abuse came to light in 1991 when the girl was being counselled. The priest, who is a member of a religious order, is now living in a monastery in the Republic.

The RUC also confirmed last night that it was investigating an allegation of child abuse against an official of the Catholic Church in the Downpatrick area of Co Down. It is understood that the complaint was made by a former altar boy. The alleged abuse is the latest in a series of paedophile offences committed by Catholic priests in Ireland which led indirectly to the fall of Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister. The furore over the abuse prompted the Catholic Church to issue new guidelines in an attempt to stamp out paedophilia.

Dr Seamus Hegarty, the newly installed Catholic Bishop of Derry, confirmed yesterday that the Church had notified police about the allegations against the priest in Londonderry. He offered to meet the girl's family to discuss the case, and denied claims that the Church had covered up the case after being informed of the allegations three years ago.

The bishop said: "It is an allegation which has to be investigated and that is in progress. But one must be extremely careful in a situation like this because there are many sensitivities involved."

Londonderry was the focus of other claims of child sex abuse yesterday when it emerged that police had passed a file to the Director of Public Prosecutions detailing allegations about a paedophile group centred on the city's Creggan estate. Police have interviewed between 80 and 100 children between eight and 12 on the estate. Three men are on remand and police sources said yesterday that the latest file may lead to more charges.

A team of specialist police officers and social workers has spent months investigating the abuse at the Creggan estate, one of the grimmest Catholic housing estates in Northern Ireland. Abuse also took place on the nearby Shantallow and Brandywell estates. The IRA, which punishes so called anti-social elements, shot dead a 36-year-old man in Shantallow two years ago for allegedly abusing children.



Dr Walsh: "cases of sex abuse are heinous"



Dr Hegarty: offered to meet victim's family

The investigation in the Creggan coincided with a separate police investigation into allegations of child abuse in the Protestant Waterside area of Londonderry on the east bank of the River Foyle. The allegations covered a number of years and involved fewer children. Dr Patrick Walsh, the Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor underlined the Church's disquiet yesterday over the spate of paedophile cases which he described as "heinous". The Catholic Church in Ireland has faced an awkward month after another paedophile case led to the collapse of the Irish Government. Dick Spring, the Labour leader and former Deputy Prime Minister, walked out of Cabinet after the Attorney-General's Office delayed dealing with extradition warrants from the RUC against a priest who sexually abused children.

Father Brendan Smyth, 67, a Norbertine Order priest, was convicted in Northern Ireland last June of sexual offences against children after he returned voluntarily to the Province. He was jailed for four years for offences against five girls and three boys between 1964 and 1988. Earlier this month a priest was given a 15-month suspended sentence in Dublin for sexually assaulting a male teenage hitch-hiker. Father Michael Carney, a former parish priest in Co Galway, admitted sexually assaulting the student in June last year.

The Church's problems were compounded when another priest collapsed and died in a gay nightclub in the centre of Dublin earlier this month. Two priests, who were drinking in the club at the time, gave the Last Rites to Fr Liam Cosgrove, 68.

A committee established by the Bishop's Conference recently announced a five-point code to try to halt child sex abuse by priests. The code included a pledge to speed the Church's response to complaints of abuse and greater help for victims.

In a statement at thir autumn conference earlier this month, the bishops said: "Child sex abuse by a priest is especially heinous not only because it is evil in itself but because it is the violation of a sacred trust. We are coming to realise more fully the complexity of this problem and the enormity of the suffering it causes."



JAMES MORGAN

Four-year-old Phoebe Burn-Lynch — Twinkle Toes to the onlookers — was one of 2,000 people taking part in the first Christmas Parade through London yesterday. An estimated 750,000 spectators turned out for the event, put on to rival similar processions in America and on the Continent. The £1 million spectacle, which featured scores of brightly coloured floats, all with a Christmas theme, was hailed as a big success by onlookers, performers and the organisers. Among the celebrities was Lord Attenborough, with his five grandchildren in an open-topped carriage. He said: "I think such a celebration and happy event is marvellous in a world of not totally happy events. It's wonderful."

Americans develop smokeless cigarette

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

FACED with a revolt in America against passive smoking, a leading tobacco company has developed a cigarette that is virtually smoke free and produces no ash.

RJ. Reynolds Tobacco Co plans to start selling Eclipse, a cigarette that heats tobacco but does not burn it, next year. The company says the cigarette eliminates 95 per cent of "second-hand" smoke and leaves none of the odour or ash associated with smoking.

The product provides about the same amount of nicotine as ultra-light cigarettes, but reduces certain cancer-causing tars usually inhaled by smokers. The company says that it will make no health claims for the new product because of a lack of scientific data, and that packages will carry the customary government health warning.

R.J. Reynolds, which makes the Camel brand of cigarettes, has spent about £330 million in the past decade to develop a cigarette that can combat mounting concern about the effects of passive smoking.

The Eclipse contains a half-inch piece of charcoal wrapped in fibreglass insulation at the end that is lit. The rest of the cigarette is filled with tobacco and glycerine.

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Because the tobacco does not burn, the cigarette remains the same length after it is smoked and all the tobacco flavour exhausted.

Businessman found dead after drink-drive arrest

BY HELEN NOWICKA

A COMPANY chairman is believed to have shot himself dead hours after being arrested a second time for drink-driving. Police found Nigel Kippax-Openshaw in the bedroom of his home with a shotgun near by. A note he apparently intended to attach to his front door read: "Do not enter — call the police."

Mr Kippax-Openshaw, 50, chairman of McLeod Russel, paint and air filter manufacturers, was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving on Wednesday night when police found the wreck of his abandoned car after a crash near Basingstoke, Hampshire.

He provided a positive breath test at his home in Preston Candover, Hampshire, and was bailed on Thursday morning. A formal charge was due to follow.



Kippax-Openshaw: positive breath test

That evening Mr Kippax-Openshaw dialled 999 and told police he was going to kill himself. Officers broke in to find him shot in the head.

In 1992, Mr Kippax-Openshaw, who was separated from his wife, was convicted of driving with excess alcohol and banned from using his car.

Neighbours said the company chairman had never recovered from the end of his marriage in 1991, and had worked very long hours. One neighbour said Mr Kippax-Openshaw had become "frantic" on Thursday.

A Hampshire Police spokesman confirmed Mr Kippax-Openshaw had made a 999 call on Thursday evening saying he intended to kill himself.

The spokesman added that Mr Kippax-Openshaw's death was not being treated as suspicious. He said whether the separation from his wife was a factor in what happened would be a matter for an inquest to determine. A post-mortem examination had been completed.

Farmer and son killed in grain 'quicksand'

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A FARMER died trying to save the life of his son who was sucked under a mountain of grain in a silo.

Jimmy Allan, 58, choked to death on fermenting barley fumes after climbing into the 50ft tower when a bank of grain immersed his son Chris, 30, "like quicksand". Firefighters using breathing apparatus were unable to reach the two men before they died.

The accident at the farm in Knock, Cumbria, happened after machinery in the silo became jammed by wet grain as some of the barley, used to feed cattle during the winter, was being moved into an adjoining shed.

"When grain is wet it tends to stick in ridges up the silo," Inspector Peter Brown of Penrith police said. "It seems Chris Allan was trying to clear the blockage but fell in headfirst and was sucked under like in quicksand. He drowned in the grain. His father climbed down to help him but was overcome by the toxic gases given off by fermenting barley.

"Chris Allan was the only son. The men of the family were wiped out in one fell swoop," he said. Jimmy's wife Patty and Chris's wife Julie, who has two daughters aged two years and three weeks, were devastated, Inspector Brown said.

Police keep helmet to stand out from the crowd

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE traditional policeman's helmet, dating back to mid-Victorian times and beloved of tourists, is to survive a review of police clothing by Scotland Yard.

Next year, London police officers will officially end the use of tunic jackets for everyday duties and move towards the greater use of pullovers and anoraks. Officers will also wear special quick-release belts for their equipment.

Police radios long ago replaced the blue police box and the short wooden truncheon is being replaced by longer plastic batons.

However, the helmet, based on a military design used by the Prussian army in the 1840s and introduced to British police by the Yard in 1863, will continue to be worn. Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has told his junior ranks.

The Commissioner, whose approach is supported by many officers, believes the public is becoming confused by the increasing number of security men wearing police-style uniform.

Sir Paul is following the lead that was taken by his predecessor Sir Peter Imbert who decided during another review that the police had to maintain a traditional appearance although forces in Scotland abandoned the helmet in the 1950s.



The helmet was adopted by London police in 1863

Scotland Yard's stance is likely to be adopted by other forces although Greater Manchester Police have already cast doubt on the traditional police appearance by proposing that a blouson jacket be worn.

But the Yard has not remained entirely in the last century. A new batch of 150 specially designed mountain bicycles is being issued in London and officers will have to wear a specially designed protective helmet. It will include a chequered band and a police badge.

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Romanian baby smugglers due home

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST

THE Berkshire couple found guilty of trying to smuggle a baby out of Romania are expected to return to Britain today after prosecutors made no appeal against the suspension of their 28-month prison sentences.

The deadline for any appeal expired yesterday, leaving Adrian and Bernadette Mooney free to leave the country after their five-month ordeal. Speaking form a flat in Bucharest, Adrian Mooney, 42, said: "We were still uncertain what was going to happen but the news that we will now be able to go home is overwhelming.

"It has been a long, long time for us to be away from our friends and family and we are delighted to be going home." The Mooneys celebrated yesterday with their three-year-old adopted Romanian child Grace. "It has been good to have Grace here with us and this news boosts our morale and is good for her because she has been under a lot of stress," Mr Mooney said. It is expected the Mooneys will arrive in London this evening after they have signed some final legal documents.

A British Embassy spokesman in Bucharest said: "It seems as if the case is coming to an end and obviously we are glad that things have been worked out."

Pupils find a piece of ancient Egypt

BY JOHN SHAW

A GROUP of seven-year-olds working on a school project has helped to identify an Egyptian antiquity worth about £30,000.

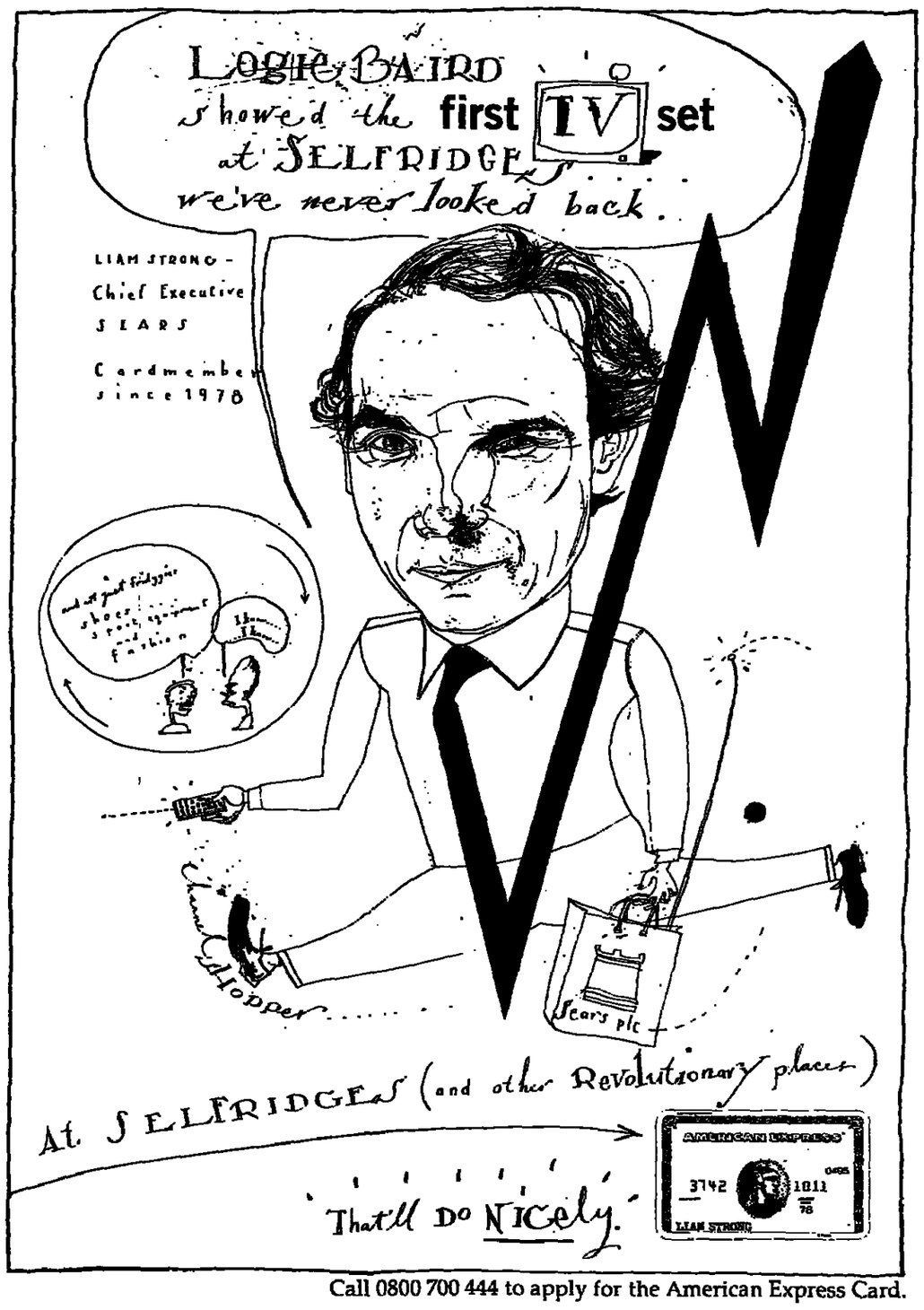
A stone slab in their teacher's garden was photographed and sent to the British Museum. The hieroglyphic markings revealed it to be a fragment from a Middle Kingdom temple from about 1875 BC. One clue came from markings symbolising King Sensuret III, a Twelfth Dynasty pharaoh.

The piece of stone, just under 5ft long and 20in high, has been identified as a quartzite temple lintel brought to England earlier this century and is to be sold at auction at Sotheby's in London next month. It was put in the garden of a Victorian house near Southampton. The property was bombed in 1940 but the stone fragment was undamaged.

The house was derelict when it was bought in 1948 by the family of the stone's present owner, who asked not to be named. He remembers seeing it, as a child, by the back door. "We never thought much about it. When we sold the house later I took it to my new home on the edge of the New Forest.

"The stone was used as garden decoration. We would stand geranium pots on it, or use it to put things on if we were having a picnic. My wife is a teacher and it was only when she was doing a project on signs with the children that we began to look more closely at the hieroglyphics." Her class of seven-year-olds came to the house to take rubbings on the markings and were able to identify a few of them from library books. A photograph was sent to the museum.

He said: "Sad though it is to see it go, we realise that its preservation requires a more sheltered home than a garden rockery and we have decided to sell."



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Licensees despair at bootleggers' bonanza

BY ROBIN YOUNG

FOR hundreds of publicans and off-licencees in Kent and the South East, the Budget is likely to spell bankruptcy if Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, follows the recommendations of the Treasury Select Committee on cross-Channel alcohol and tobacco imports.

The committee, reporting last week, conceded that cross-Channel shopping was "clearly having a serious impact" on traders, but concluded that imports were not seriously undermining the Government's receipts of excise duty. The MPs' report, in effect, crushed brewers' hopes of a 10p reduction in excise duty on a pint of beer.

Excise duty on beer in Britain, at up to 30p a pint, is nearly four times the European average, and seven times the amount paid in France. Ferry companies estimate that they will be carrying well over two million passengers to France this month to buy drinks and tobacco.

As far afield as Yorkshire, off-licences are complaining that bootlegging by people illegally reselling imports from France are threatening to put them out of business. "We are constantly being offered cut-price drink through the back door," said Teresa Howard, who runs an office licence at Robin Hood, West Yorkshire. "People are making a lot of money out of it, but they are simply killing the legitimate trade."

In Ealing, west London, Narinder Singh Sawhney, whose off-licence business The Nest has won awards for enterprise, said yesterday: "In previous years we have had 200 businesses spending well over £1,000 each with us on drink to give to their staff and business associates. This year we will be lucky if we get even one of them to come back. We have sent our price list around, but they all say, 'We are sending somebody over to France. It works out much cheaper there.' There is nothing we can do about it. It is a struggle to survive."

Richard Maude-Roxby, chairman of the Drive Down Duty Group, which has striven to draw the Government's attention to the drink traders' plight, said yesterday: "I was appalled by the select committee. It is frightening to think that important decisions are made by those who do not live in the commercial world." Mr Maude-Roxby's group claims the inequalities in duties have already cost 10,000 jobs and more than £450 million in lost revenue.

Stuart Neame, vice-chairman of the Kent brewer Shepherd Neame, said yesterday: "In the past two years tenants have given notice with unheard-of frequency. The number in financial difficulty has rocketed to 50 or 60 a year, and the number going bankrupt is already counted in dozens. Some of those who are failing are very good operators, but are simply unable to face the weight of this wholly unfair competition." Mr Neame said that about a fifth of the brewery's publicans were in difficulties.

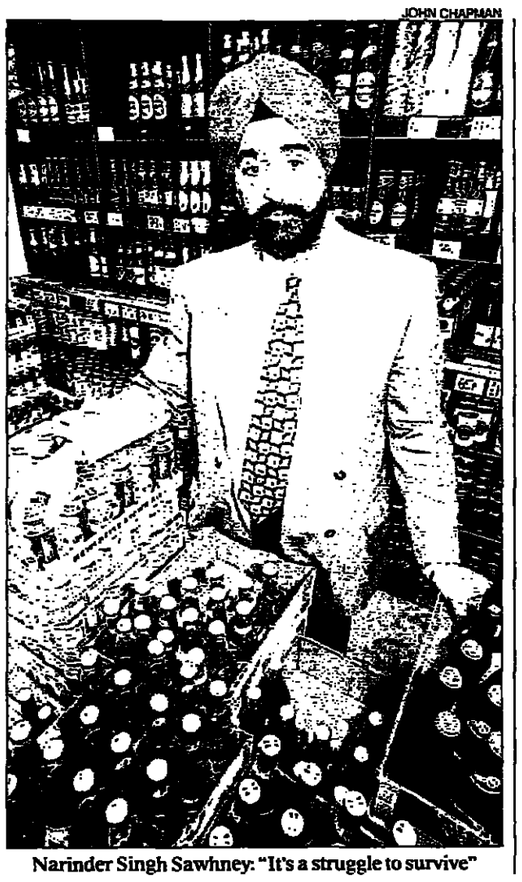
Christopher Laming of the ferry company Stena Sealink said: "Cross-Channel shopping will be at least 10 per cent more this year than last. People are coming on coach trips from as far away as Edinburgh and Glasgow, such is the draw cheap alcohol has."

P&O European Ferries were even more bullish about the "booze-cruising" boom. "We expect our number of passengers to be up by at least a fifth this year," Ian Todd, the company's spokesman, said.

ON Wednesday *The Times* will offer unrivalled coverage of the Budget in a 12-page pull-out section. Today, *The Times*'s team of expert writers looks ahead to the Chancellor's speech on Tuesday. Our preview includes Peter Riddell on page 18, Graham Searjeant on page 42, and Janet Bush on page 44.

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JOHN CHAPMAN



Narinder Singh Sawhney: "It's a struggle to survive"

AA says increase in fuel duty would drive up inflation

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

CRITICS of the expected 10p a gallon increase in the price of petrol are certain that the rate of inflation will creep up again if Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, decides to increase duty in tomorrow's Budget.

Mr Clarke's commitment to raise duty by 5 per cent in real terms means that four-star leaded will increase to about £2.70 a gallon, unleaded to £2.42 and diesel to £2.40.

Motoring and freight organisations say the move will do nothing to reduce traffic congestion or pollution. According to the AA, increased motoring costs will hit lower and middle-income motorists first, producing "roads for the rich".

The AA said that while motorists may cut out leisure trips, the increases will do nothing to stop peak-time motoring by commuters, shoppers and mothers taking children to school. "Increasing motoring taxation will put upward pressure on inflation as motorists pay extra tax through increased wages or companies pass on costs in higher prices to customers and consumers."

Motorists have been hit by a 24 per cent increase in fuel duty in the two 1993 Budgets and should not be subjected to rises in excess of the inflation rate of 2.4 per cent, the AA said. Instead, the Chancellor should use the Budget to announce a review of motoring taxation to make drivers pay for car use rather than ownership.

It warned that surveys have shown jthat more than half of Britain's 24 million drivers would vote against politicians who tried to price them off the road.

Edmond King, RAC campaigns manager, said: "We are concerned this will fuel inflation and the fact it has been dressed up as a green tax is a smokescreen. The Government must come to terms with the fact that people depend on their cars."

The Freight Transport Association said that every 1p a litre rise on diesel duty added £100 million to the industry.

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Harefield Hospital: attracting private patients

NHS hospitals boost revenue by opening private wards

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TEACHING hospitals are upgrading wards with a lick of paint, redesignating them for private patients and earning millions of pounds to add to their NHS funding.

Private work in the NHS is booming as patients flock to trust hospitals in preference to *those run by private operators* such as Bupa. The total earned by the NHS from private work rose by 25 per cent last year compared with less than 2 per cent growth for independent private hospitals. Guy's Hospital saw its private earnings rise by 68 per cent in 1992-93 to £7.5 million.

NHS consultants prefer to do their private work on the premises rather than take up valuable time driving to a private hospital several miles away. Average earnings of the 17,000 consultants who practise privately are £34,000 a year on top of NHS salaries of at least £50,000.

Opportunities are growing to expand private work in NHS hospitals. London hospitals are closing NHS beds because nearby health authorities have patients treated locally rather than have them referred. The bulk of private work is concentrated in the capital. Many teaching hospitals have established private units of 20 beds to help to cover the shortfall in their NHS income.

"They have not gone in for construction. It's more a case of a touch of Laura Ashley wallpaper and a lick of paint," William Fitzhugh, a financial consultant and publisher of the *Fitzhugh Directory of Independent Healthcare*, said.

According to the directory, the NHS earned £170 million from private work in 1993, taking almost 15 per cent of the private market compared with less than 11 per cent in 1990. The launch of the NHS internal market and a change in the law that allowed NHS hospitals to make profits from private work have also helped to trigger the boom.

Some famous hospitals now depend on their income from private work. Harefield Hospital NHS Trust in northwest London, which specialises in heart surgery, earned 11.1 per cent of its income from private work, largely as a result of the reputation of Sir Magdi Yacoub, the heart transplant pioneer.

"If the private units in these NHS hospitals are managed well it is reasonable to assume they are making a significant contribution of 20 per cent of their gross revenue," Mr Fitzhugh said.

The speed of growth, which could take private earnings for the NHS to £400 million in two years' time, could create problems for Labour. It is committed to removing private beds from the NHS. "If Labour gets rid of paybeds they will lose the surplus and create a boom in the independent sector," Mr Fitzhugh said.

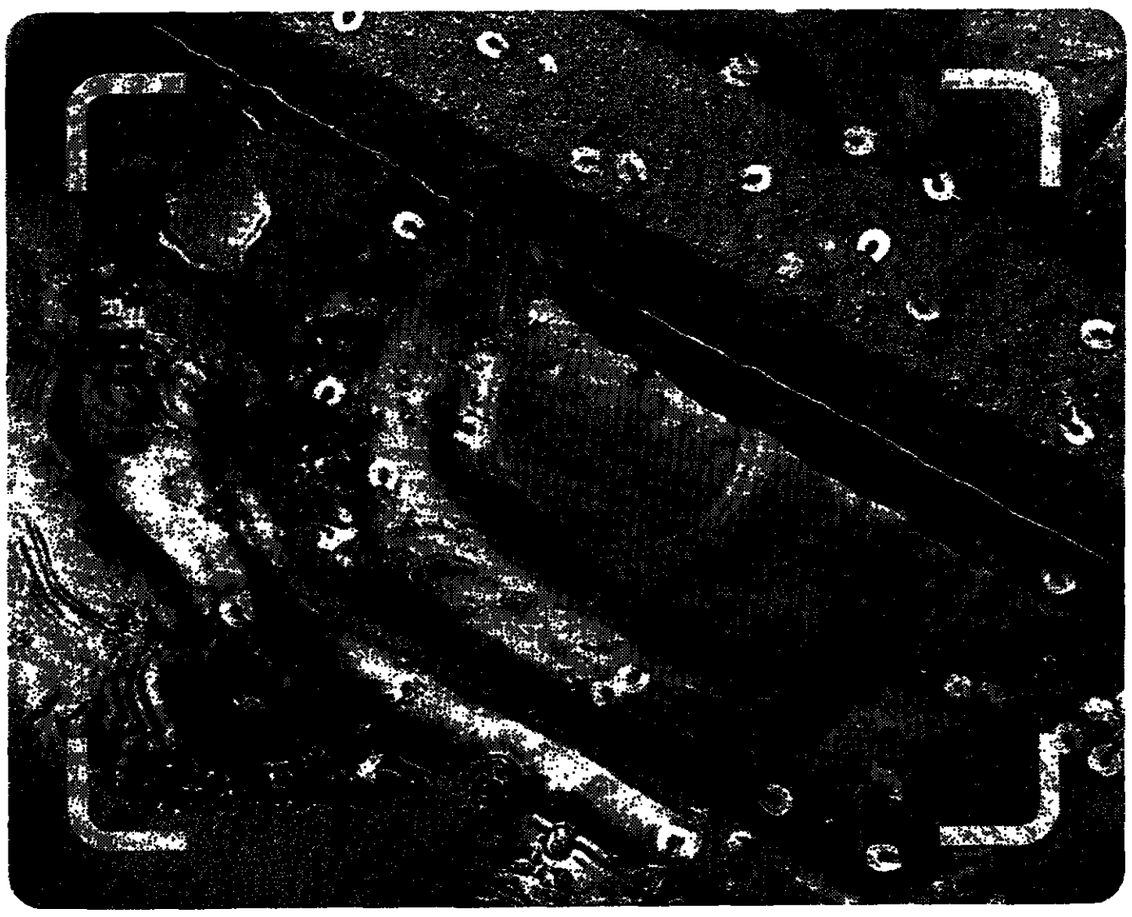


Beckett: private boom means fewer NHS beds

Margaret Beckett, the shadow Health Secretary, said the growth of paybeds meant fewer NHS beds. "The important question is whether they are being created at the expense of NHS beds. If there are insufficient NHS beds it will make it harder to reduce waiting lists." The cost of removing paybeds would not be insurmountable. "We are talking about phasing out paybeds, not getting rid of them overnight," she said.

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Sceptics say the Porvoo statement on links with Nordic and Baltic Lutherans puts tradition at risk

A 'Maastricht' for the Church



After the row over the ordination of women, Europe is to be the focus for conflict between reformers and conservatives. ***Jonathan Clark*** *asks if the core of Anglican identity is being abandoned*

agenda

PORVOO is a cathedral in Finland that has given its name to a momentous document. The declaration drawn up there would commit the Church of England to redefining — arguably, abandoning — its historic identity to forge ecumenical links with the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran churches.

The Church itself has drawn the analogy with Maastricht, another once forgotten place which has lent its name to an historic document. The Council for Christian Unity hails Porvoo as creating "a 'single market' in membership and ministry", a counterpart to the European Union which many Nordic nations are joining. Porvoo shows how unity can be achieved without sacrificing national traditions, announces the council: it is even better than the Maastricht treaty, for it will take effect as soon as one Anglican and one Lutheran Church ratify it.

There is to be inter-communion and a mutual recognition of ministries. But there are key differences between the various Lutheran Churches. At the Reformation, Sweden, Finland and Estonia preserved the apostolic succession in the consecration of bishops. But in Denmark — and Denmark's then possessions Norway and Iceland — the succession was interrupted when the existing bishops were deposed and new ones set up in 1536 on the authority of a German Lutheran superintendent, Dr Bugenhagen, who held only priest's orders.

Are these national churches now equally valid? On this seemingly legalistic point depends the authority of churches, the significance of their sacraments, the form of their government, the necessity for an ordained clergy, the social boundaries between the secular and the sacred.

The framers of the Porvoo doctrine — George Carey among them — think they have found a formula to heal Anglican scars as well as international rifts. The Bishop of Newcastle presents Porvoo as reconciling those Anglicans who see women's ordination as disastrously breaching apostolic integrity. Yet it might instead confirm their image of a church bureaucracy willing to move historical or theoretical goalposts that become practically inconvenient.

The bishop points to two features in the Porvoo statement that will help to reconcile these members of the Church. First, "the principle that apostolicity and succession are to be understood primarily in terms of the life of the Church as a whole". This, it is argued, is a better interpretation of the transmission of authority than the traditional one, which sees the process of transmission as a series of deliberate commissions in which authorised individuals in turn chose others to be entrusted with an objectively defined mission.

Shared and continuing communion is indeed the heart of the matter. Episcopal continuity without a continuity of doctrine, liturgy and sacramental life would be of little value. Yet that is precisely what some Anglican sceptics now claim is unfolding within their Church, as validly consecrated bishops kick down the ladder and produce what was only recently described as "impaired communion".

Together In Mission And Ministry, the General Synod volume explaining the Declaration, contains no reference to the Church of England's sophisticated tradition of scholarship on episcopacy. Its proof texts are, instead, the reports of other committees, like those of the World Council of Churches or the Council for Christian Unity. Its historical survey dismisses English churchmen's historic attention to the validity of Anglican orders as unfortunate: it had "distorted Anglican ecumenical emphasis". On the Porvoo principles, indeed, it is hard to see how episcopacy is necessary at all.

The point of Porvoo is its logical consequence. If bishops are only bureaucrats, they or priests ordained by them might be of either sex. Norway already has a female bishop. Yet the same principle soon dissolves the ordained priesthood into the priesthood of all believers. Lay celebration of the Eucharist awaits only final approval in the Anglican diocese of Sydney: England will face that issue next.

Locating continuity in the whole life of a Church fails to settle the question. Even a legalistic definition of continuity in terms of episcopal succession was open to dispute: a purely subjective yardstick like "the life of the Church" makes uncertainty permanent, and dispute inescapable. Who decides?

Second, Anglican doubters are supposed to be reassured by a deeper understanding of episcopal ordination. This is now to be understood as a "sign" of "the unity and continuity of the Church". Yet, according to the bishop, it is only one among many signs. There is nothing intrinsic about it. It is therefore possible, he argues, to have the "sign" of authentic episcopacy without the "reality" or the "reality" without the "sign".

Thus, if the bishop were to be barred from his see, he would have no complaint: the "reality" of his episcopal status would have disappeared. Intentionally or not, Porvoo may provide a charter for any group able to command a temporary majority in the Church of England and willing to expel its opponents.

Porvoo gives another twist to secularisation, since it affirms a bishopric to be merely an office, not a status signifying a special relation to the design. Danish bishops are appropriately explained to the General Synod in bureaucratic rather than sacremental terms. Episcopacy now has meaning only in relation to a specific see: out goes "alternative episcopal oversight".

Porvoo argues that a bishop can be validly created by presbyters whose pedigree of ordination is unbroken. But, read closely, the title of the presbyters themselves does not have to rest on unbroken succession. It, too, might be a subjective expression of the continuing life of the Church. There are some precedents in the early Church for the first, but the second looks like an invention of the modern committee mind.

None of this poses a problem with Nonconformists, but the Roman Catholic doctrine has been that orders, and succession to them, are divine ordinances, not bureaucratic conveniences.

Once more, Anglicans are turning away from the challenge of reconciliation with the majority in favour of politically easy accommodations with minorities.

No hordes of Danes, Estonians, Finns, Latvians, Lithuanians, Icelanders, Norwegians or Swedes are about to storm St Paul's. As with Maastricht, however, the domestic English consequences of Porvoo will outweigh the international ones. In Church as in State, the Englishness of the English experience is to be fundamentally redefined.

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Split looms on single market

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

The Church of England faces fresh divisions over plans for a "single market" communion of 12 episcopal churches across northern Europe. The *Porvoo Common Statement* — which has been described as a "Maastricht of the Church" — would heal the 460-year-old rift between Church of England and the Continent.

But it is strongly opposed by traditionalists who are expected to voice their fears at the General Synod in Westminster this week. The statement, drawn up after three years of talks between the British and Irish Anglican churches and the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran churches, would bring the Church of England "into visible unity" with the major churches in northern Europe.

It envisages a single market in membership and ministry and will, in effect, make millions of Anglicans and Lutherans members of one, international European church. It is currently being debated by the 43 diocesan synods in England and its far-reaching implications are certain to be one of the main topics of debate at the synod.

About six dioceses have already voted in favour, including Lincoln, Bath and Wells and Chichester. The declaration differs from the Maastricht Treaty in that it can come into operation as soon as one Anglican and one Lutheran church has approved it. Churches that agree it will regard baptised members of each other's churches as members of their own. There would be no need for the Church of England to change its legislation.

However, the declaration is expected to be challenged by traditionalists on the grounds that it overrides a crucial break in the apostolic succession. The Lutheran churches of Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have bishops consecrated in the unbroken historic sucession of laying on of hands stretching back to the early church. That is not true of Denmark, Iceland and Norway, where at the Reformation bishops were consecrated by a priest.

The declaration attempts to resolve this difficulty by emphasising apostolic continuity through "bottoms on seats" rather than "hands on heads", according to Colin Podmore, of the Church's Council for Christian Unity.

Mr Podmore said: "The division of the Church is contrary to its divine calling and that is justification enough for the importance of an agreement which will re-establish communion between the Anglican churches of these islands and the historic churches of the whole northern European area."

In an address earlier this month to the Southwark diocesan synod, Mr Podmore said: "Approving it would be the most significant ecumenical step that the Church of England has taken this century."

The Rt Rev David Tustin, Bishop of Grimsby and co-chairman of the talks that led to the agreement, said: "This degree of unity would greatly facilitate the churches' mission and service in their common European home. If the declaration is approved by the 12 churches, the Church will be ahead of the world in witnessing to the need for the unity of the human community."

Yet there are fears that the cost of agreement may be a fresh round of damaging conflict within the Church of England — the last thing its leaders want to see.

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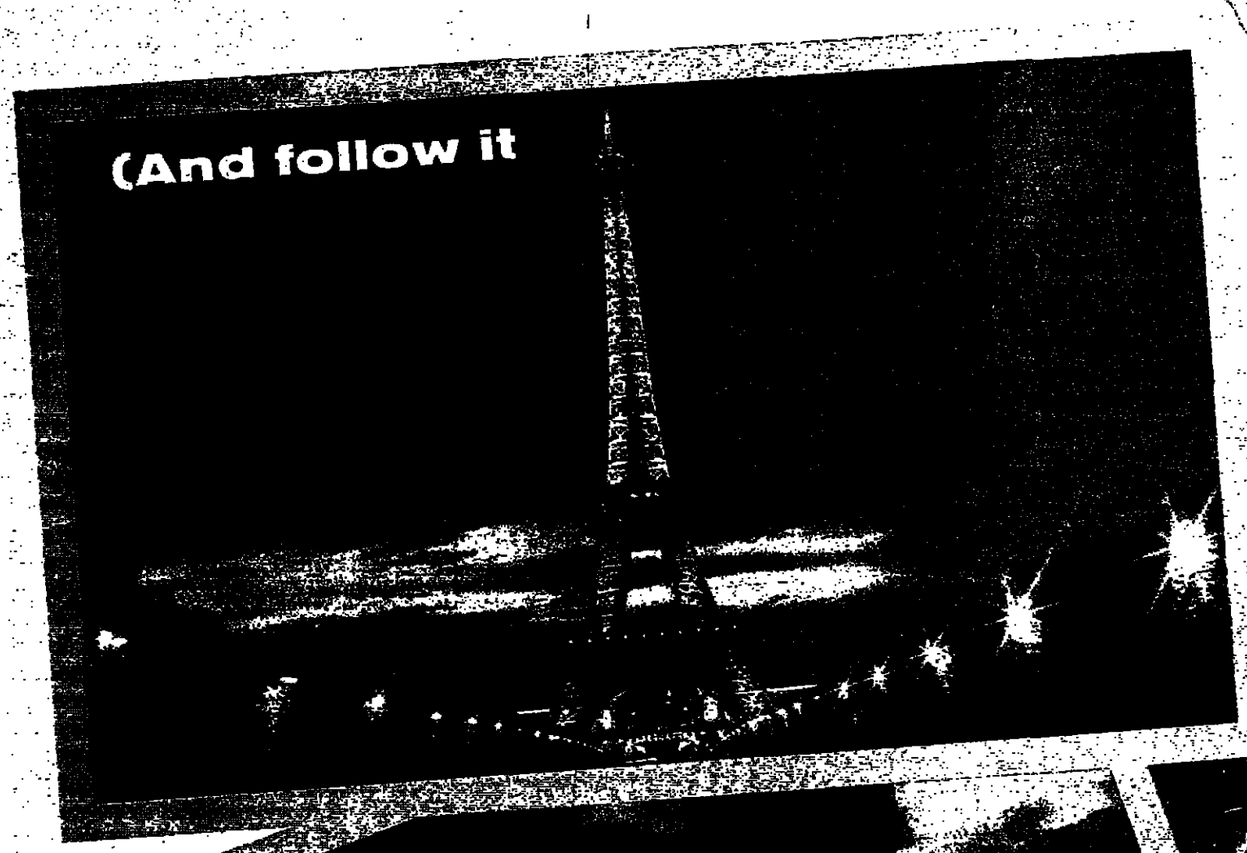


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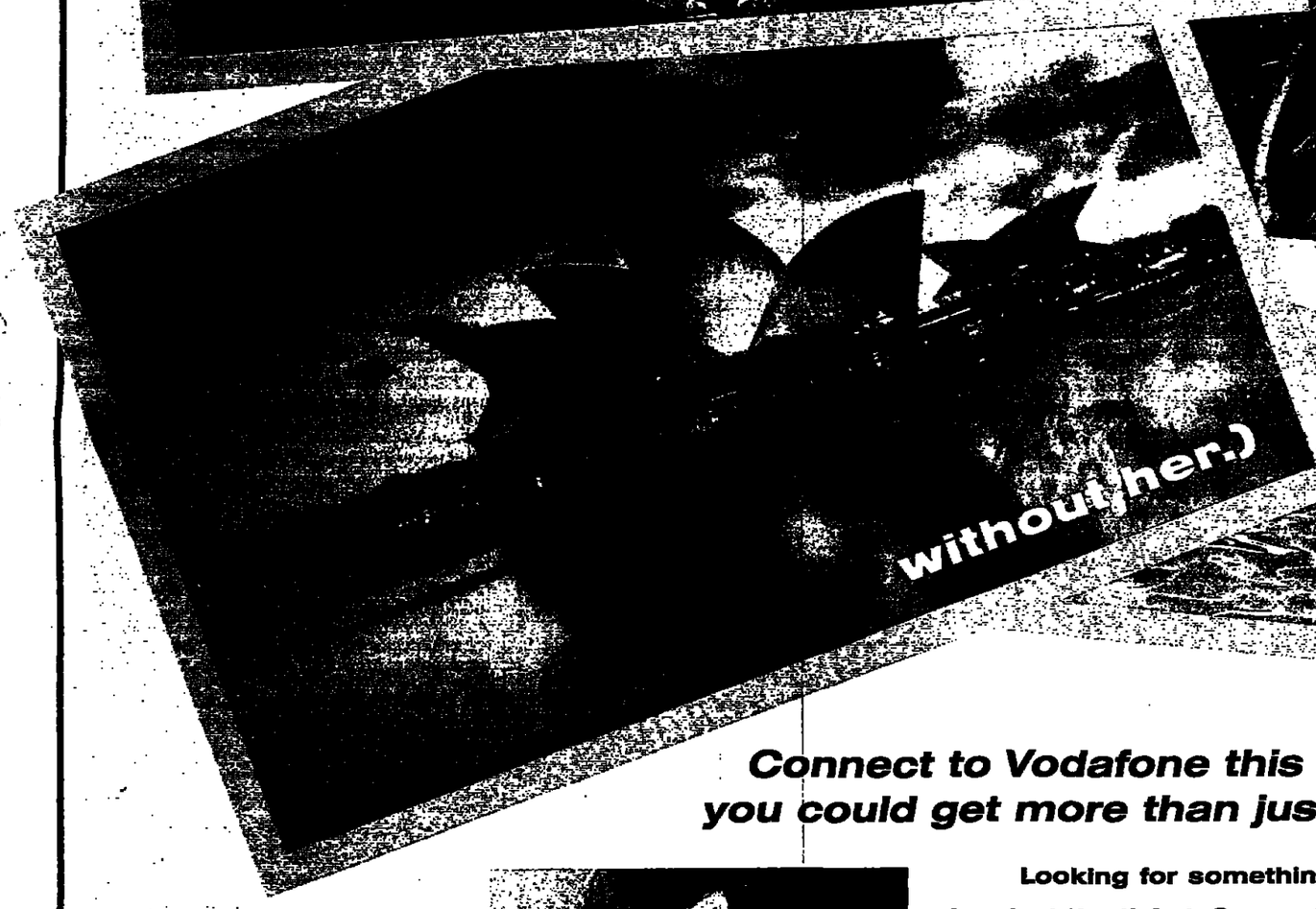
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Methodist minister urges support for pleasure principle

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Methodist minister is calling for "a hedonistic ethic" based on "serious fun with sex and money" to replace the ascetic Christian tradition that no longer commands support.

The Rev John Kennedy, secretary of the Methodist Church's Division of Social Responsibility, says: "It seems about time for us to come clean, to seek to develop a thoroughgoing hedonism, to replace a half-hearted and failed ascetic-altruistic morality." A hedonistic ethic "can frankly acknowledge our private appetites and material interests," he says, arguing that the Church cannot fulfil the role of "eternal examiner" that society demands of it.

"Every time a terrible event throws us into a slough of shock and grief, the pressure grows to force the Church to make us better," he says. "There is, however, a quite different model of morality which society ought to pursue. And there is a quite different morality that a liberated Christianity can both teach and learn from. It will take a great deal of bravery for the Church to acknowledge this."

In a set of essays published today by the Institute of Economic Affairs, a right-wing think-tank, he argues: "It is time to recognise that the Church is enmeshed in a moral tradition which is ascetic and altruistic, and which has been shaped by the centuries in which celibacy was celebrated as a high virtue."

By contrast, he says, contemporary society is modelled by a desire to fulfil its appetites. "Its values are essentially hedonistic. We suffer from the failure to recognise, develop and practise a proper hedonism."

The Methodist Church leadership was quick last night to distance itself from Mr Kennedy's comments. One senior Methodist said the pursuit of hedonism was opposed to Methodist policy. Dr Leslie Griffiths, president of the Methodist Conference, said: "This is John saying something personal in a discussion, it is by no means Methodist policy. On the contrary, I think hedonism, if it means the search for pleasure for its own sake, is quite clearly something that is against the objectives of the Methodist Church."

In the same collection, Dr Julian Jacobs, Rabbi of Ealing synagogue, calls for religious leaders "to speak out more clearly, more forcefully and more unequivocally against the present-day evils which engulf our society". The Right Rev David Konstant, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, says: "Teaching what is right and wrong is the duty of every individual and of society."

□ *Teaching Right and Wrong: Have the Churches Failed?* (Institute of Economic Affairs, 2 Lord North St, London SW1P 3LB: £5.50)

'Be ready to die' Pope tells cardinals

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

POPE John Paul II yesterday invested 30 cardinals, including Cardinal Thomas Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow, who has welcomed the honour as a gift to the nation of Scotland.

The Pope told the cardinals, who included the Roman Catholic leader of Bosnia, that they should be ready to die for the Church.

The Pope completed two days of investiture ceremonies for the new cardinals, some of whom will be entrusted with electing his successor after he dies, with a solemn mass in St Peter's Basilica. In his sermon, the 74-year-old Pontiff said that a cardinal's red garb was the colour of blood to remind them of the early Church martyrs. "In receiving the cardinal's dress, each of you hears the call to be ready to shed blood, if Christ asks for it."

One of the most significant appointments among the new cardinals is the Archbishop of Sarajevo, Vinko Puljic, who has said he is willing to die for his country.

In an interview with *The Times* before he left for Rome, Cardinal Winning spelt out the conservative traditionalism that has made him a popular spokesman on issues such as Catholic schools, abortion, contraception and the ordination of women. He said there was no theological objection to women priests, but the argument based on church tradition was insurmountable.

Cardinal Winning said: "I can well appreciate, understand and accept the Church's stance on contraception. It is the stance I have always felt was the most logical and the most prophetic. I still think, however, that it has got to be explained to people in a much better way and a much deeper way. Often people do not have an opportunity to have it explained to them properly."



The Pope speaking to Cardinal Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow, during the consistory at the Vatican

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

THE Portland Club is the oldest bridge club in the world and is one of the three bodies involved in making the Rules of Bridge. Normally the members keep themselves to themselves, but occasionally they venture forth into the duplicate scene.

Two of the club's best players had an accident on the hand below when sitting East-West, and I was asked to assign the blame.

Dealer West — N-S game, Match pointed pairs

	♠K7653 ♥Q6 ♦A1052 ♣Q5	
♠A9 ♥J852 ♦KJ84 ♣1064	N W E S	♠J2 ♥AK10973 ♦976 ♣AJ
	♠Q1084 ♥4 ♦Q3 ♣K98732	

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass (1)	Pass (2)	3♦
Dble (3)	Pass	Pass (4)	Pass

Opening lead: ♣4

(1) North should bid Two Spades, particularly as he is a passed hand.
(2) I think East should bid Three Hearts over his partner's raise. Nowadays this is accepted as being a pre-emptive bid, with no game ambitions.
(3) I would bid Three Hearts. A penalty double on three small does not appeal.
(4) I agree with the pass — the ace-jack of clubs look good for the defence.

The declarer won the opening lead with the king and played another club. East cashed the king of hearts on which West played the eight, and played the ace of hearts. With the spades breaking 2-2, the declarer now had nine tricks (four spades, one diamond and four clubs). Not a great triumph for East-West, as they make nine or ten tricks in hearts.

The critical point in the play was East's decision after he had played the king of hearts. He had to switch to a diamond to beat the contract. Admittedly it was difficult for him to see the danger of the feeble-looking spade suit in dummy. However, it was clear that a second heart would not stand up — West's play of the eight on the first round of hearts showed he had an even number, which after his raise had to be four.

The second point was that having seen the heart ace-king and club ace-jack from East, the declarer was bound to play West for all the missing high cards, and so any guess he had in diamonds he was bound to get right. The danger in not playing a diamond was that whenever declarer was 4-2 or 3-3 in spades and diamonds respectively, he would always be able to set up enough spade tricks to discard his losing diamonds.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE international master Neil McDonald from Gravesend has emerged as the hero of the London tournament circuit, winning four Café Baroque tournaments and the *Staunton Memorial* competition. In the following game McDonald's aggressive style shows, particularly in the combination that breaks Black's resistance.

White: McDonald
Black: Harari
Café Baroque, 1994

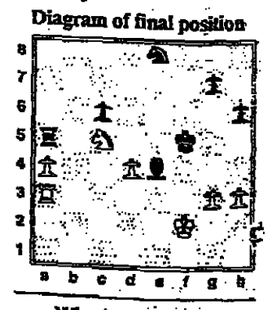
Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	0-0
9	d4	Bg4
10	Be3	Na5
11	dxe5	Bxf3
12	Qxf3	dxe5
13	Bc2	Nc4
14	Bc1	Qd7
15	b3	Nb6
16	h3	Rfd8
17	Nd2	Qc6
18	Nf1	a5
19	Ng3	g6
20	Bg5	Kg7
21	Rad1	b4
22	c4	h6
23	Bc1	Nfd7
24	Qg4	Kh7
25	f4	Bf6
26	f5	Bg7
27	Rf1	Nf6
28	Qh4	Rxd1
29	Bxd1	Nbd7
30	Bg4	Nxg4
31	hxg4	Qc5+
32	Kh2	Ra6
33	fxg6+	Rxg6
34	Rxf7	Nf5
35	g5	Ng5
36	gxh6	Nxh6
37	Exh6	Rxh6
38	Rxg7+	Kxg7
39	Nf5+	Black resigns

Correction

There was an error in the diagram in Saturday's competition puzzle in the Weekend section. The correct position appears below. It is from the game Alekhine v Tartakower, San Remo, 1930. White to play, what is his best move? Answers on a postcard to The Times, Chess Winning Move Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Diagram of final position



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Ministry scientists insist facts are wrong in book highlighting threat to humans

BSE claims by biologist dismissed as irresponsible

BY JACK CROSSLEY AND TONY DAWE

CLAIMS in a book published today that "mad cow" disease poses a serious threat to human life have led to a fierce confrontation between government scientists and their most vociferous critic. For the first time the scientists have come out fighting to dispute the views of Professor Richard Lacey, the microbiologist who has frequently attacked the Government for jeopardising food safety.

In an exclusive, detailed interview with *The Times*, they accused Professor Lacey of irresponsibility and of getting his facts wrong. They said they had taken all possible precautions to stop the disease. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), entering the food chain. The strongest reaction came from Keith Meldrum, the chief veterinary officer, who said that if there were any proof that Professor Lacey was right and there was a danger to the human population, the Government would "consider the destruction of every cow in Britain".

John Wilesmith, who leads government research into BSE, said: "We have nothing to hide. Lacey seems to think we just pop out now and again to see the odd dead cow. In fact, every death has been examined in clinical detail." He disclosed details of his eight-year campaign to track down and control the disease, including an experiment involving the rearing, killing and examination of 600 cows.

In *Mad Cow Disease, the History of BSE in Britain*, Professor Lacey, of Leeds University, says that the disease is now endemic in cattle and is being passed from cow to calf and into the human food chain with possibly disastrous consequences. He claims ministers have concealed facts and corrupted evidence on the disease, which has led to the slaughter of 138,000 cows. "If we don't act, not only will farming wither, but so almost certainly will the human population," he writes.

He says children and pregnant women who eat processed beef in burgers, sausages and other meat products run the highest risk of infection. A central plank in his argument is that BSE is inherent in cattle and was triggered — but not caused — by eating feed made from scrapie-infected sheep meat.

Dr Wilesmith said: "All the evidence indicates that cattle got it from sheep scrapie in the feed. The disease developed because in the early 1980s the rendering industry changed its methods of processing sheep meat to save money."

Professor Lacey claims that the disease is here to stay and supports his theory that it is being passed from cow to calf by pointing to the thousands of cattle that have contracted the disease, which takes four to five years to incubate, since brains and offal were banned from cattle feed in 1988.

Dr Wilesmith said: "Lacey has latched on to maternal transmission as the all-important factor, but on its own it could not have maintained the spread of the epidemic." He blamed infected feed being used after the ban and talked for the first time of cross-contamination in feed mills: brain and offal continued to be used to make pig and poultry feed in the same mills as cattle rations were produced before a ban in 1990.

"The evidence is that accidental cross-contamination went on into 1990," Dr Wilesmith said. "It is totally out of the food chain now. We have got this in hand."

Quoting from newspaper reports, his own articles and conversations with farmers, Professor Lacey's book seeks to show that BSE is being passed on through the blood of cattle, which scientists at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and independent experts describe as "basically rubbish".

In his most chilling chapter, Professor Lacey reports an increase in the number of British cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), the commonest form of spongiform encephalopathy in humans. He says that 30 to 60 cases occur every year, compared with 18 ten years ago and five 20 years ago. "The increase makes you ask where they are coming from? And you have to say, from cows."

MAFF scientists were again confidently dismissive and pointed to the greater awareness of CJD and a greater determination by neurologists to diagnose it in elderly patients. Kevin Taylor, the Government's assistant chief vet, accepted that there was "potential for human exposure" before controls were put in place but, because of the long incubation period in humans, it was too early to know if people had been affected.

He added: "To make out that things are bad now is irresponsible. We have taken all necessary precautions to prevent BSE from entering the food chain."

MARC ASPLAND



Stephen Dryer, a stockman, feeds cattle as part of BSE research at the Agriculture Assessment Service in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire



Lacey: says cases of CJD are increasing

BSE VICTIMS FALL VICTIM IN EIGHT YEARS

☐ **November 1986:** first cases of BSE in cattle confirmed.
☐ **May 1988:** feed infected with sheep scrapie identified as likely cause.
☐ **July:** government ban on feeding cattle protein derived from animals.
☐ **August:** Government orders killing and burial or burning of all BSE cattle. 2,185 confirmed BSE cases in Britain during the year. Disease also diagnosed in two species of antelope in British zoos.
☐ **November 1989:** Government bans organs from cattle over 6 months old from human food. Ban covers brain, spinal cord, spleen, thymus, intestines and tonsils; 7,000 cases confirmed during year.
☐ **May 1990:** first cat death linked to BSE confirmed.
☐ **September:** Government bans cattle organs from pig and poultry feed; 14,000 cases confirmed during year.
☐ **1991:** 25,000 cases confirmed during year.
☐ **1992:** 36,000 cases confirmed during year.
☐ **1993:** 34,000 cases confirmed during year.
☐ **March 1994:** German government tightens restrictions on importing British beef.
☐ **June:** Government bans intestines and thymus from calves under 6 months old from human food. Ocelot dies from BSE, the 19th zoo animal and twelfth species affected. 24,000 cases estimated to be confirmed during year.

Cows on death row will prove truth

QUIETLY chewing the cud on three farms in the British countryside are 600 cows under sentence of death so that we can know for certain how mad cow disease is spread (Tony Dawe writes).

They were bought as calves five years ago and will be allowed to live until they are seven in a unique experiment being conducted by government scientists. The aim is to discover whether the disease is caused solely by infected feed or can be spread by other means, including from cow to calf or even from cow to cow. The scientists' findings will either confirm the current view of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food that the disease is on the wane, or show that it could continue to pose a serious threat to the cattle population into the next century.

The animals were bought in pairs from different herds, one calf the offspring of a likely BSE victim and the other from an unaffected cow. John Wilesmith, who leads the Government's BSE research, said: "The study of the pairs is the definitive way of determining whether there is maternal transmission and, if so, at what rate it might occur." So far, 31 animals have contracted BSE. Richard Lacey says that proves that the disease is spread from cow to calf. Dr Wilesmith says, however, that many of the calves were born when infected feed was still in use.

The surviving calves are on farms in Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire. The first became seven in September this year, the last will be seven in November 1996. "We shall then need a few months to complete our studies," Dr Wilesmith said.

Warning over toxic dangers in herbal remedies

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SOME herbal remedies and food supplements sold in health food shops have toxic effects and many have never been tested for safety or quality, according to Britain's leading poisons unit.

A seven-year study by the National Poisons Unit at Guy's Hospital in London found reactions ranging from diarrhoea to acute liver failure. Many people mistakenly believe the products are safe and devoid of side effects because they are natural, the unit says.

The study, funded by Agriculture Ministry and supported by the Health Department, examined 5,500 emergency inquiries received by the unit from accident and emergency departments and GPs worried about patients who had taken the products.

Of the 4,000 inquiries about food supplements, most involved children who had taken overdoses of vitamins. Eight per cent suffered symptoms including abdominal pain, thirst, fatigue and convulsions. A quarter of the 1,000 inquiries about herbal preparations involved patients suffering adverse reactions.

The researchers were able to establish a link between the products and poisoning effects in only 49 cases because of a lack of information. They say some people took excessive quantities, believing they would be more effective, without realising that might result in toxic effects.

The report, published in *Drug Safety*, calls for better labelling of products and increased awareness of the potential hazards among doctors and the public.

Dr John Henry, director of the unit, says in an editorial in the *British Journal of Clinical Practice* that most herbal remedies do little harm but problems may arise because of contamination or excessive use. "While there are guidelines on the safety assessment of marketed medicines the same does not apply for the whole range of alternative and ethnic preparations," he said.

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Pollution fear leads fishermen to oppose Harris superquarry

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE men who fish Europe's purest waters have switched sides in the battle for permission to dig one of the world's largest quarries on south Harris in the Western Isles.

Their decision to oppose the scheme will be delivered to the Scottish Office today by the Western Isles Fishermen's Association, which two years ago supported the proposal, believing it would create jobs and boost the stagnant local economy. Concern comes after the discovery that ships arriving to load aggregates will discharge millions of gallons of ballast water from polluted areas such as the North Sea or the Thames Estuary. They are not impressed by promises to control the discharges from Redland, the developer, and Western Isles council, which backs the proposal.

"Shellfish from the Western Isles is promoted as coming from the cleanest and most unpolluted waters in Europe, with prices in some cases 20 per cent higher than in other areas," Duncan Macinnes, secretary of the association, said. "This will no longer be the case if the quarry goes ahead. Shellfish will be the most vulnerable to pollution caused by ballast water."

The fishermen's conversion comes a month after the start of the inquiry into the quarry proposals and mirrors the way in which local opinion has been changing. "At the beginning more individuals were veering in favour of the idea," Morag Monro, secretary of the Quarry Benefits Group, said. The group aims to minimise the impact and maximise the advantages if the scheme wins approval.

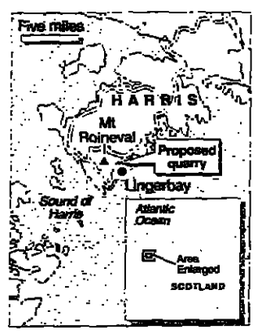
"There was optimism it would bring jobs and a lack of awareness that it could damage other jobs. Now there is more information, most people are turning against it. I had never even heard about ballast water before but now I can see it is crucial. The Harris tweed weavers believe they will lose their image too if the island becomes identified with pollution. Tourism will be affected and all for the sake of no more than about 20 jobs for local people."

Norman Macdonald, the local independent councillor, won his seat last May from the sitting member who supported the scheme. "I am totally opposed," he said. "It will pollute the sea, cover the sheep-grazing land with dust and ruin our way of life."

There are young islanders like Donald Campbell, however, who hope that the quarry will at last create jobs. Now 20, he has had only one job, which lasted six months, since leaving school and can find nothing else unless he leaves the island. "I'll be queuing for a job if the quarry goes ahead," he said.

Margaret Macdonald, who was born and brought up in Lingerbay, where the quarry port would be sited, is a reluctant supporter even though it means moving. "It is sad that things would be wrecked around here but it would be even more sad if we let the whole island be wrecked by blocking the quarry. If you have no work, you have no young people. You die."

She pointed to the clothes line where her three young sons' tracksuits were drying. "When I was young there were enough boys to make up two football teams. Now my children have no one to play with. Deep down in my heart I don't want to leave here but the sacrifice means there would be some future for the island."





Lady Astor on the election trail in Plymouth in 1919. Churchill said her arrival in the House of Commons was "like being found naked"

MPs' tribute to Nancy Astor

A GROUP of women MPs is to table a parliamentary motion celebrating the achievements of Nancy Astor, who became the first woman to take her seat as an MP 75 years ago this week (Emma Wilkins writes).

Helen Jackson, chair of Labour's women's committee, has drafted an early day motion to acknowledge Viscountess Astor's unique place in parliamentary history and to express the hope that more women will follow her example. Lady Astor, who won her husband's seat of Plymouth Sutton in a by-election after his succession to an hereditary peerage, caused consternation in the House when she took her place on the Conservative benches on December 1, 1919. Her arrival was later recalled by Sir Winston Churchill, with whom she enjoyed a fractious professional relationship, as "like being found naked in the bathroom with nothing but a sponge to protect you".

Ms Jackson, a member of the 300 Group which campaigns for more women MPs, said Lady Astor would not be impressed by the present number of women in Parliament. "I am sure if Lady Astor was here today she would think that number was deplorably small," Ms Jackson said.

Lady Astor, who was born in Virginia and married Waldorf Astor in 1906, was not the first woman to win election to parliament. That honour goes to Constance Gore-Booth, who fought the 1918 election for Sinn Fein, but shunned the activities of Westminster and never took her seat.

Lady Astor, who represented her constituency for more than 25 years and died in 1964 aged 84, was a forthright campaigner for women's rights and temperance — the subject of her maiden speech.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ban sought on West comic video

The lawyer of the alleged mass killer Rosemary West is seeking a High Court ban on a video by Billy Connolly.

Leo Goatley, a Gloucester solicitor, has asked the Attorney-General to act because of "offensive and prejudicial" comments about his client, who is accused of nine murders with her husband Frederick West, who is also accused of three other murders.

Shotgun death

Paul Common, 26, of Ashington, died in hospital from a single gunshot wound to the head after shooting his girlfriend aged 23 on a woodland path near Hartburn, Northumberland. She sustained facial and arm injuries.

Party plunge

Fifteen people were taken to hospital after crashing through the floor at a party in Turnpike Lane, north London. Haringey council said over 100 dancers were crammed into the lounge of the first-floor flat when a joist snapped.

Father dies

A man aged 30 died and four members of his family, including his mother-in-law and baby son, and a neighbour were injured in a fire at their flat at Poplar, east London.

Driver attacked

A driver who held up traffic when he ran out of petrol at traffic lights was slashed with a razor by the motorist from the car behind him in Hove, East Sussex.

Fatal accident

Terence Jones, 31, of Shrewsbury, died when his car hit an ambulance outside Copthorne military base, Shropshire. A passenger was cut free and is being detained in hospital.

Freedom at last

George Martin, 78, a retired teacher from Chesterfield, Derbyshire, has been given the freedom of the Italian city of Narni, which his tank troop liberated 50 years ago.

Spitfire sold

A Mark XIX Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight sold to an unnamed buyer for £452,500 in a Sotheby's aero auction at Billingshurst, West Sussex.

Speed trap guide

West Midlands Police have helped to produce a guide to beating police speed traps by pinpointing spy cameras. The idea is to deter speeding at accident blackspots.

Point proved

A pair of robbers signed a petition demanding better policing minutes before holding up a sweetshop in Taunton. Detectives are studying their hand-writing for clues.

Convicted killers may win right to see secret files

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SIX alleged victims of miscarriages of justice, including those jailed for murdering the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater, may be granted access today to evidence that their lawyers claim could throw doubt on their convictions.

Lawyers for the six, who also include Jeremy Bamber, convicted of murdering his parents, stepsister and her twin sons, argued that documents held by the Home Secretary were being unfairly kept secret, hampering attempts to have their cases referred back to the Court of Appeal.

The High Court judgment could rule that the Home Secretary was acting unlawfully in refusing to disclose evidence that lawyers say is crucial to determining whether there has been a miscarriage of justice.

Justice, the all-party law reform group, is challenging Home Office secrecy in four test cases and claims that innocent people may be languishing in jail as a result. The ruling will have an important influence over how the proposed criminal cases review body handles allegations of miscarriages of justice.

In the four cases, six men are claiming that Michael Howard has material which he has not disclosed that could throw doubt on their convictions. Counsel for the men convicted of the murder of Carl Bridgewater told the High Court during the recent hearing of the challenge that the Home Secretary had "devastating" evidence that completely undermined the convictions.

Edward Fitzgerald, counsel for the men, told Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley that there could be more "equally devastating evidence" which was not known about. Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey and Jim Robinson were convicted in 1978 of the shotgun murder of Carl, 13. A fourth man, Pat Molloy, convicted of Carl's manslaughter, died in jail.

The second case involves Paul Malone, sentenced in 1986 to 15 years for armed robbery. The third is that of Jeremy Bamber, 32, convicted in 1986 of murdering his family at their farm in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex. The last case involves Sammy Davis, 42, who served an eight-year sentence for a rape he says he did not commit.



Bamber: still denies murdering his family

Kate Akester, legal officer at Justice, said: "We believe that decisions which affect people's liberty should not be made on the basis of secret, unchallengeable reports. The Home Office refers all inquiries to the police force which carried out the investigation; the police then claim a blanket privilege for all material which is not the subject of criminal proceedings."

Justice says there should be a presumption in favour of disclosure, so that there can be no suggestion that the evidence on which the Home Office relies is suspect.

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Parties jostle for power as Berlusconi faces magistrates

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi prepared yesterday for interrogation by Milan anti-corruption magistrates as opposition leaders discussed what form of government should succeed his coalition.

The Prime Minister's lawyer said that he was too ill to assist his client and asked judges to postpone the interrogation of the Forza Italia leader who is suspected of bribing tax inspectors. Hundreds of Signor Berlusconi's supporters demonstrated outside his office at the Palazzo Chigi over the weekend to express solidarity. Magistrates placed the Prime Minister formally under investigation a week ago, bringing him under pressure to resign. He insists he is innocent and is expected to be questioned today or tomorrow by about the alleged bribes paid by his Fininvest holding company on three occasions.

Signor Berlusconi has said that he will remain at his post but it is not clear how long he can last. President Scalfaro says he wants the Prime Minister to stay in office until after parliament passes the budget Bill for 1995. Umberto Bossi, the leader of the Northern League, saw the President at the Quirinal Palace and reassured him that he would not disrupt the passage of the Bill.



Bossi: vowed not to disrupt passage of 1995 budget Bill

Opposition leaders have been wrangling over what form a new government should take. The Vatican stepped into the fray with the semi-official *L'Osservatore Romano* urging the Italian Popular Party (PPI), the former Christian Democrats, not to form a coalition government with the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), the former Communist Party. The PPI is divided over how to use its role as the main party of the centre. Rocco Buttiglione, its leader and a Roman Catholic philosopher, has caused a furore by saying that he was considering forming a "single party together with Forza Italia", and allying with a "cleaned up" version of the neo-Fascist National Alliance.

Signor Berlusconi has long been hoping for support from the PPI to free him of his dependence on the Northern League. Signor Bossi has made clear that he might move his party out of the conservative government to form a new alliance with the PDS. Irene Pivetti, the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies and League member, has offered herself as potential head of a new government. At 32, she is the youngest-ever Speaker and the second woman to have held the post. Formerly a Catholic journalist, she has a brusque manner and sharp tongue, and many Italians would be unhappy about her traditionalist Catholic views, which verge on the fervent, arguing that "all good social order descends from God".

Gianfranco Fini, the National Alliance leader, also hopes to emerge strengthened from Signor Berlusconi's judicial woes although he insists that he is the Prime Minister's best friend. "In the last hours one has restarted to play politics as if the judicial initiatives against Berlusconi did not exist," *Il Messaggero* of Rome noted. "Politics has begun to move again in its own spere at the moment of the most acute clash . . . These are moves that resemble the first steps of a child who has not yet recovered from an illness."

Opinion polls show that Italians are deeply divided between those who support the Milan magistrates investigating the Prime Minister and others who believe that the judges are politically motivated. Many Italians appear impressed by Signor Berlusconi's declaration in which he swore his innocence on the lives of his five children.

The main fear in the political establishment is that right-wing terrorists might seek to exploit the unstable situation by planting bombs or assassinating a leading public figure. Over the weekend five police officers were arrested in the northern region of Emilia Romagna. They had killed several colleagues from the Carabinieri paramilitary police as well as several gypsies, and staged bomb attacks in furtherance of neo-Fascist views.



Irene Pivetti, the parliamentary Speaker, who has offered to lead a new government if Silvio Berlusconi's coalition collapses

Chechen leader thwarts rebels

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Dudayev, the leader of the breakaway republic of Chechenia, remained solidly in power yesterday after a bloody weekend offensive by Russian-backed rebels failed to oust him.

The Chechen leader, who has survived regular attempts by opposition forces to overthrow him, claimed that his opponents had been driven from his small Caucasus state.

"There is no weapon in the world, which could quash the spirit of a people who rose in struggle for freedom and independence," said the triumphant former Soviet Air Force general, whose small Muslim nation broke away from Russia in 1991, declaring independence.

The latest attack was on Friday when an armoured rebel column closed in on the capital, Grozny. Their advance was halted during street fighting that left several people dead. Troops loyal to Mr Dudayev claimed to have taken scores of prisoners, including Russian mercenaries.

Woman chosen for Bonn spy post

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A LAWYER with a preference for short skirts is likely to be the beneficiary of a long overdue reshuffle in Germany's spy services.

Mathilde Koller, 44, is regarded as a skilled political operator, having purged Stasi agents in Saxony and successfully rebuilt from scratch the counter-espionage service in that eastern state. But she is also part of what is being termed the "Stella Rimington factor": a growing awareness throughout European intelligence services that women, already among the most effective agents, analysts and archivists, should be given top executive positions.

The reshuffle will have the effect not only of bringing a woman close to the top of the Federal Agency for Constitutional Protection — the German version of MI5 — but also of rejuvenating the service. The plan is that Konrad Porzner, the head of the BND (the German secret intelligence service or MI6) should be eased into early retirement when he reaches the age of 60 in February. Although he is a Social Democrat, he has enjoyed the political protection of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. But the meagre intelligence results of the past two years — in particular from the Middle East — has eroded this support.

When Herr Porzner goes, Eckart Werthebach, 54, the head of the German MI5, will switch jobs and move from his Cologne base to BND headquarters in Pullach near Munich. He will be replaced by Peter Fritsch, his deputy. The new deputy chief of the German MI5 will then become Frau Koller, a diminutive, apparently shy woman who has shown herself to be a particularly tough intelligence manager.

Honecker's move: Margot Honecker, 67, the widow of the late dictator, Erich, is considering a move from Chile to North Korea. She has told friends that the Stalinist state is the one country that now understands her. Chile granted the couple asylum.

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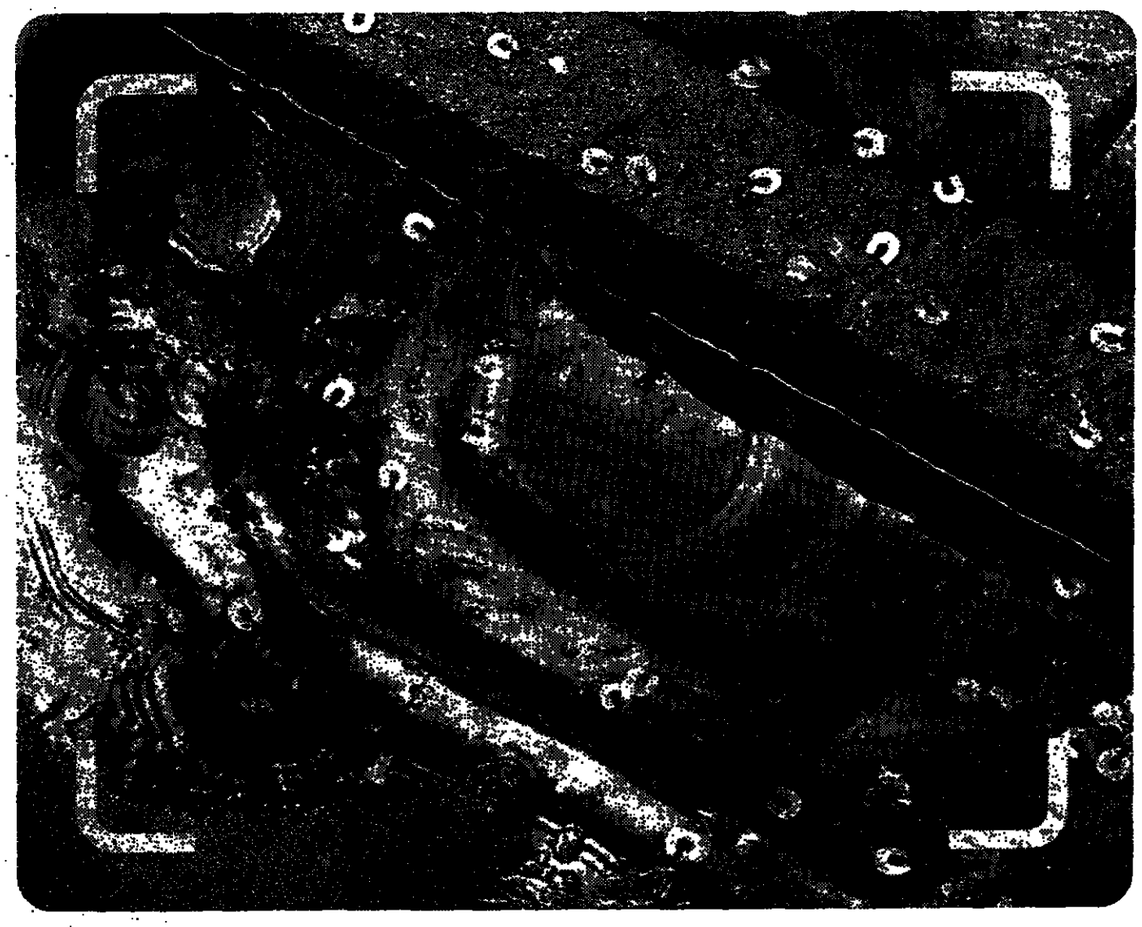
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Perry says airstrikes cannot save 'safe area' in need of 100,000 troops to enforce peace

US admits Nato is powerless in Bihac

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

AMERICA joined a growing international consensus yesterday that little can be done to save the United Nations "safe area" of Bihac from an onslaught by the Bosnian Serbs.

William Perry, the US Secretary of Defence, conceded that Nato was powerless to stop the Serb offensive with airstrikes alone and that only a huge deployment of troops could prove decisive.

"The Serbs are in control of the situation in Bihac," Mr Perry said on American television. He added that Nato airstrikes "can punish the Serbs, but they cannot determine the outcome of ground combat. It would take 100,000 troops with heavy weapons even to enforce the peace. To affect the outcome of the war, to win the war, would take several hundred thousand troops with heavy weapons undoubtedly involving significant casualties."

European officials welcomed Mr Perry's remarks as a rare public acknowledgement by a senior American official that heavier Nato bombing alone cannot protect the UN "safe areas" in Bosnia, which is the view both of Britain and of France.

They said only a decision by Washington to send ground forces to serve alongside the European peacekeeping troops in Bosnia would make it possible to defend the "safe areas". Mr Perry, however, repeated that Washington had no plans to deploy ground troops in Bosnia: the 2,000 US Marines off the coast were on hand only for possible rescue missions.

In the Bihac pocket yesterday, Serb forces continued to tighten their grip to the south and west of Bihac town. Fighting is taking place between 800 yeards and 1,000 yards of the city's overwhelmed hospital where an armed platoon of Bangladeshi peacekeepers was deployed on Saturday.

"All villages to the south have been overrun and burnt with a view to preventing the return of their populations," a UN report said yesterday.

"There is fighting going on there right at the moment," Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, British commander of the UN Protection Force in Bosnia, said yesterday. "Militarily speaking, it is obvious that if the [Serbs] wish to occupy areas within the Bihac UN-designated safe area, they could do that."

Michael Williams, spokesman for the UN special envoy in the region, said: "If the [Serbs] keep up this pressure, the risks of collapse [for Bihac] are very strong. It is a very critical time for the UN."

Although the UN Security Council met on Saturday to discuss the fighting around Bihac, no government presented new proposals. America appeared to have abandoned its earlier effort to get Nato to declare a heavy weapons exclusion zone around the town.

Willy Claes, the Nato Secretary-General, said the UN peacekeeping force was in an impossible position, unable to keep the peace and too weak to to enforce it. "You would need a minimum of 100,000 troops with heavy weapons to enforce the peace," he said.

JACQUELINE ARZT



A woman weeps as she struggles home with a sack of firewood in Sarajevo yesterday. Residents are preparing for their third winter under the guns of the besieging Serbs

Bosnians retreat to prepare assault on second front

FROM KURT SCHORK IN SARAJEVO

UNABLE to reinforce the besieged Bosnian town of Bihac as Serb forces close in, government troops are pouring into the hills around a Serb-held town to the southeast where a second big battle is looming. United Nations sources said yesterday.

They said that the Bosnian army's 7th Corps, supported by Bosnian Croat army artillery, has set up a temporary headquarters in Bugojno, nine miles south of Serb-held Donji Vakuf. "We have seen about 1,500 BiH [Bosnian army] troops head into Bugojno in recent days from other locations in central Bosnia," a UN source said. "HVO [Bosnian Croat army] artillery support for an assault on Donji Vakuf looks to be in place. It is too late to take the pressure off Bihac, but the Bosnian army knows the Serbs will head for Donji Vakuf as soon as they have done up north." The 7th Corps would bear the brunt of any assault on Donji Vakuf, which is about 60 miles south of Bihac.

Government infantry and Bosnian Croat artillery teamed up to take the town of Kupres on November 3 in the first big defeat of the war for the Bosnian Serbs. Since then the two have been nibbling away at Serb defences around Donji Vakuf, slogging uphill to capture high ground overlooking the town.

Serb forces from Bosnia and Croatia have been thrown into the battle for Bihac. Many of the Bosnian Serb troops are from Banja Luka, a town closer to Donji Vakuf than Bihac. Once those soldiers head south, backed by tanks and heavy artillery, government prospects for taking Donji Vakuf would dim considerably.

The Bosnian army's greatest fear is that Serb forces mean to crush all opposition in the field. In that scenario the Serbs would come south not to defend Donji Vakuf, but as part of a counter-offensive to regain Kupres and perhaps to attack Bugojno itself. UN and Nato forces have made plain they have no appetite for rolling back Serb advances, even against a UN-designated "safe area" such as Bihac. Given that green light, the Serbs could be pushing for a conclusive end to the 31-month Bosnian war on the battlefield, beginning around Donji Vakuf. However, it is there that Croat artillery and government infantry might prove a match for the Serbs. (Reuter)

Delors says Britain is living in past

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

JACQUES Delors, the European Commission chief, yesterday plunged into Westminster politics by claiming that Britain had no future outside Europe and was indulging in nostalgia for a lost past.

M Delors, speaking to *Der Spiegel* magazine, emphasised that the European aim must be a "federal union with a common currency, a tightly co-ordinated economic policy and a foreign policy capable of common diplomatic and military action". The fact that such federal projects caused concern in Britain should not deter the rest of the European Union. "Britain is refusing to face reality. Does England have a future outside Europe? No. But it is difficult for a great nation to bid farewell to its golden age."

However, M Delors said he was against creating a two-class Europe, of fast and slow integrators. "I don't want to exclude anyone in advance," he told the magazine.

M Delors who hands over the Commission presidency in January, underlined some of the problems of expanding the Union: "With 30 members you simply cannot carry out as many common projects as you can with 12," he said.

The Council of Ministers, he added, had been particularly ineffectual since the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. "The Commission functions very professionaly within its area of competence, but the Council of Ministers seems to have become even more ponderous," he said. "Whoever takes on too much, does not in the end achieve anything."

The interview was timed to coincide with the Franco-German summit in Bonn tomorrow. M Delors refused to discuss whether he would be running as the Socialist candidate for the French presidency.

William Rees-Mogg, page 18



Delors: opposed to a two-speed Europe

French refusal to endorse EU police force angers Germany

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

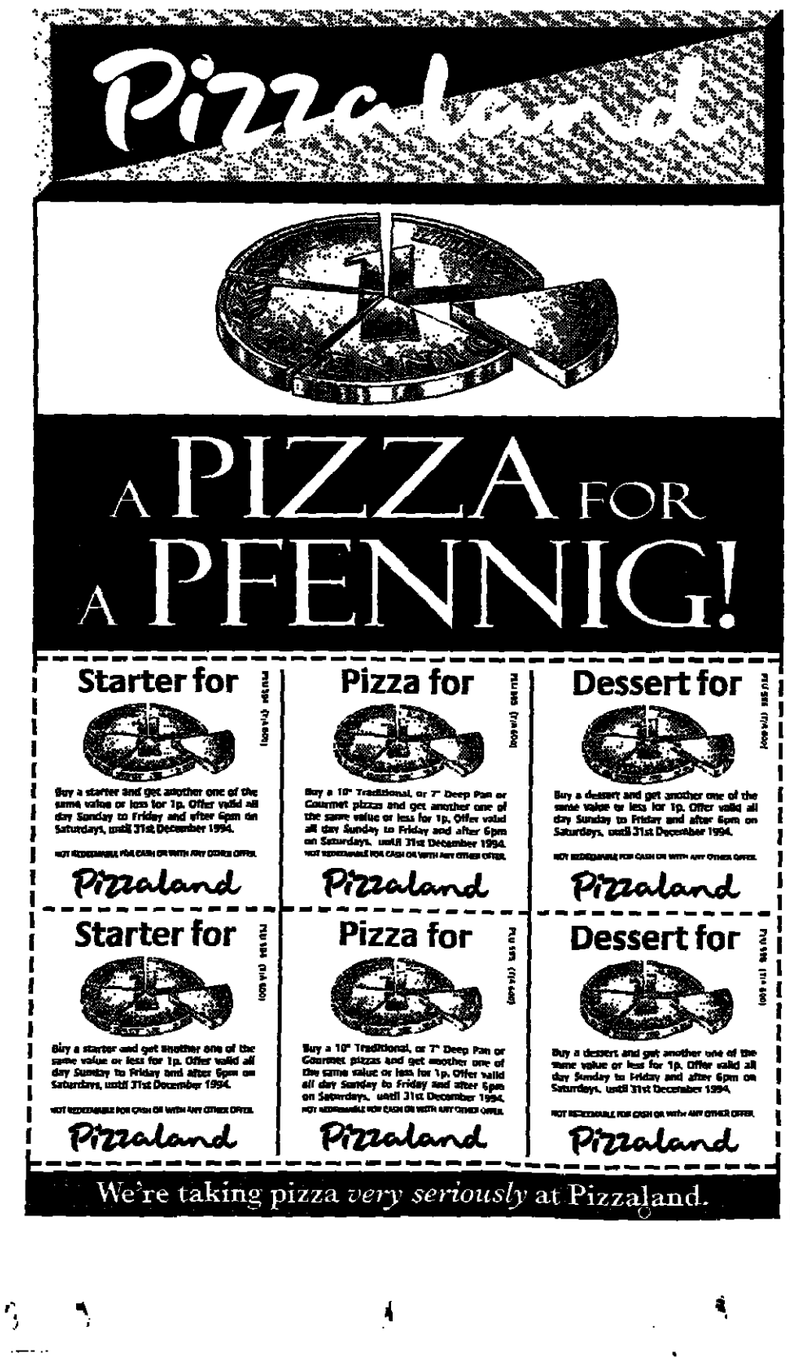
THE Franco-German alliance is coming under severe strain over French refusal to sign a convention for a European police intelligence agency.

The issue will come to a head on Wednesday, when European Interior Ministers hold an eleventh-hour meeting, the last before next month's European Union summit in Essen. But diplomats have given up hopes of reaching a compromise.

Failure to agree on the convention for Europol, which is to operate as an intelligence agency to combat drugs trafficking, organised crime and possibly terrorism, would amount to the latest in a number of setbacks for the German presidency of the Union and, especially, for Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, who is Europol's most enthusiastic supporter. He has made no secret of his desire for an American FBI-type European police force.

The Chancellor had received assurances from his 11 fellow heads of government at June's Corfu summit that members would sign the convention by October.

Desperate German officials convened 30 meetings but Charles Pasqua, the hardline French Interior Minister, outraged the Germans by pursuing an "empty chair" policy, said one diplomat. M Pasqua has refused to discuss the issue or attend some of the meetings. He insists that fighting crime should remain a national matter, and that EU moves should be confined to inter-governmental co-operation.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Kohl backs woman job quota

Bonn: Germany's ruling Christian Democrats (CDU) face a heated debate at a party congress today over a proposed quota that would give one-third of all party jobs and elected offices to women.

Peter Hintze, the CDU general-secretary who has championed the quota, said yesterday he was confident the proposal, which is backed by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor and CDU leader, would be approved. *(Reuter)*

Norway votes

Oslo: The last opinion poll before Norway's referendum on joining the European Union showed the "No" camp still ahead. If the vote is close, the final count might not be known until tomorrow. *(AP)*

Anne McElvoy, page 17

Heads march

Paris: Up to 5,000 French secondary school head teachers marched from the Latin Quarter to the Prime Minister's office to protest against a shortage of funds and a growing workload. *(Reuter)*

House subsidy

Moscow: Russia has sold a diesel-powered submarine from its Pacific fleet to an Australian floating museum of ships to raise cash to build housing for its sailors. The sale price was not disclosed. *(AFP)*

Colonel honours war dead in Tirana

FROM REUTER IN TIRANA

HALF a century after seeing friends and comrades killed in battle, Colonel David Smiley returned to Albania to attend the inauguration of a British military cemetery yesterday.

The ceremony, held in Tirana, the capital, honoured 38 British servicemen killed in the country during the Second World War. "To the men who ... gave their lives in Albania," read an inscription on a marble stone among the 38 headstones.

"I didn't think I'd ever come back when I left the country in 1944," said Colonel Smiley. "I feel very emotional. I have some friends in the cemetery."

The British Government was able to arrange searches for the graves of its soldiers killed in Albania during the war only after the overthrow of communism in 1990. The first ceremony to commemorate them was held two years ago and officials said the inauguration of the cemetery was an important symbol of the strengthening relations between the two countries.

"This ceremony, which could not have taken place until two years ago or so, is an affirmation of the bond which links Albania and the United Kingdom," Patrick Fairweather, the British Ambassador, said.

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Aid worker missing in Zaire was SAS member

BY SAM KILEY IN GOMA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A BRITISH charity worker missing in Zaire after his road convoy was caught up in factional fighting is a former member of the SAS, it emerged yesterday.

The news came as Zairean security forces cracked down on the increasing lawlessness in refugee camps housing Rwandans, expelling 37 alleged Hutu murderers and thieves at gunpoint across the border into the hands of their Tutsi enemies in Rwanda.

The unnamed Briton vanished when a five-lorry convoy ran into factional fighting on Friday as it travelled from the Katale refugee camp to Rutshuru, both on the Zairean side of the border. Nineteen people have died in two days of clashes between Rwandan refugees and Zairean troops at Katale camp in eastern Zaire, the United Nations said yesterday.

Philippe Gauthier, of the British charity Actionaid, said a search party of three vehicles left Goma for the Rutshuru area north of Katale, at dawn yesterday to look for the missing 43-year-old driver working with the British logistics charity Assist UK.

He vanished with four local aid workers during shooting near Rutshuru. His lorry was later found with its engine running and doors open, with nobody inside. The man, whose family live in Herefordshire, had 14 years' army experience, in which he underwent survival training.

As the search continued, charity officials said that they were increasingly worried about his safety. "As time goes on we are becoming more and more gravely concerned," said Ian Henderson, a director of the Glasgow-based aid agency. "Clearly if he had been walking to the Ugandan border, he would have been expected to be there by now."

Mr Gauthier said that there had been an unconfirmed sighting of a white man in the village of Jomba, southeast of Rutshuru, about six miles from the Uganda frontier. Officials would not release his name out of sympathy for his relatives, he said.

Joel Boutroue, of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Goma, said that those killed in Friday's and Saturday's clashes were 18 Rwandan refugees and a Zairean paramilitary policeman. Another 59 people were hurt.

Yesterday's Zairean crackdown caught the UN and Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic army off guard. It was clearly intended to send an intimidating message to the Hutu militias who have taken control of the camps. But is may also have been to cover up the embarrassment caused to the Zairean authorities by the aid worker's disappearance.

The alleged criminals were stripped to the waist and some had been beaten with rifle butts and were bleeding. They were sent back to Rwanda individually, while members of the Zairean para-commando regiment, armed with machineguns, watched.

But it was clear that the Hutu refugees were not being blamed for the Briton's disappearance and there is some speculation that he may have been hit when the Zaireans opened fire as the convoy passed their checkpoint.

Aid workers now fear a backlash among the camp militias against the ill-disciplined Zaireans. Tension in and around Goma continued to rise last night and shots rang out in the city centre.



Cho Chang Ho, 64, a former Korean War prisoner who escaped to the South from North Korea last month, waves during a Seoul parade in his honour. It followed a ceremony during which he erased his name from a war memorial. He is accompanied by Rhee Byoung Tae, the Defence Minister

Rabbi killed in Hebron gun attack

BY BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

GUNMEN opened fire on an Israeli car near Hebron in the West Bank yesterday, killing a rabbi settler and wounding a policeman in advance of Israeli-Palestinian meetings in Brussels about expanding self-rule beyond the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank.

The attack happened as Israel and Jordan formally established diplomatic relations and announced that they would exchange ambassadors on December 10.

A joint communiqué in Amman and Jerusalem said the two countries, which have already opened their frontiers and begun to exchange tourists and businessmen, were immediately establishing relations at ambassadorial level in accordance with the peace treaty of October 26. Jordan has named as its new ambassador Marwan Muasher, a 38-year-old Christian who was formerly the spokesman for its peace delegation. Israel has not yet named its ambassador, but sources said he was likely to be Yossi Gal, a foreign ministry information official.

Inspection teams from the two countries are expected to select sites for their embassies on Thursday.

Meanwhile Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, will today jointly urge Europeans and other donors to the new Palestine National Authority to speed up delivery of the $2.2 billion (£1.4 billion) promised in emergency aid to the Palestinian self-rule areas. Meeting in Brussels at the start of a three-day donors' conference, they will also discuss the timetable for elections in the West Bank and Gaza and the further transfer of power from the Israelis.

After yesterday's shooting in Hebron, Israel Radio reported that responsibility had been claimed by Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, in a phone call to its studios. The caller said the attack was meant to mark the first anniversary of the death of Khaled Zir, a commander of the movement's military wing from Hebron who was killed by Israeli troops.

It was not clear whether the rabbi, Ami Ulami, 33, died from gunshots or when his car crashed. A policeman was grazed by two bullets but managed to return fire.

The violence came a day after Hamas mustered more than 40,000 supporters in a peaceful rally in Gaza which underscored its growing strength as a challenger to the Palestinian authority headed by Mr Arafat.

The attack also highlighted an Israeli debate on whether attacks by Palestinian hardliners should prompt a speeding up of Palestinian elections, a dismantling of the most vulnerable Jewish settlements and the withdrawal of Israeli troops from West Bank cities, or lead to a reassessment of plans for further peace moves.

Night at the opera suffers death on Nile

FROM JONATHAN WRIGHT IN LUXOR

EGYPTIAN police scanned the mountains and cane fields west of Luxor with powerful searchlights ready for the rich and famous to drive past mudbrick hovels to a $3.5 million (£2.2 million) opera extravaganza.

Thousands of heavily armed policemen guarded the 3,200-year-old temple of Queen Hatsepshut near the southern town of Luxor, venue for a lavish production of Verdi's *Aida*, in an attempt to show the world that southern Egypt was safe for tourists. Police in dinghies cruised up and down the Nile, apparently on the lookout for the kind of Islamic militants who have killed seven tourists in 22 attacks since October 1992.

But high prices, poor advertising and security concerns set back the Egyptian government's effort to bring in foreign tourists. "It's too expensive. I haven't been able to sell any tickets," said a representative of Britain's Thomson Tours.

"We've been right against it anyway because of the security. If they [Muslim militants] had decided to strike, this would have been the occasion," he added.

The opening night on Saturday, saw about 75 per cent of the seats filled, many of them with guests of the government. The last three of six shows have been cancelled because the organisers could not fill seats at up to $350 each.

The organisers had said that the Prince of Wales, Queen Noor of Jordan, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain would be attending. But the only royalty present were the Duke of Kent and his wife, Princess Michael. President Mubarak's wife, Suzanne, came and went in a convoy of 11 vehicles, which were escorted by helicopters.

The opera itself, produced by Vittorio Rossi, the Italian impresario, went without a hitch. *(Reuter)*



Three performers in costume talk before the start of the final dress rehearsal of Verdi's *Aida* in Luxor

Salvors find £45m in US war wreck

FROM REUTER IN DUBAI

TREASURE hunters here said yesterday that they have recovered silver coins worth $70 million (£45 million) from the wreck of an American merchant ship torpedoed in 1944 by a German U-boat, just a small part of what they hope still to find.

Sheikh Ahmad Farid al-Aulaqi, owner of the rights to salvage the treasure from the *John Barry*, said his team, using a remote-control device with pincer-like jaws operating at 8,500 ft, has raised about 1,500,000 silver coins minted in 1944.

He said French, British, Gulf and American experts hope to retrieve the remaining treasure of more than 2,000 tonnes of silver ingots and coins early next year. The coins recovered so far weighed 18 tonnes.

"There are four holds. We managed to open only one," said Sheikh al-Aulaqi, who added that he had spent about $10 million in three years to raise the coins.

The *John Barry* was loaded in America, John Beasant, spokesman for the operation, said. She contained three million silver riyals, minted in America and bound for Saudi Arabia, and was torpedoed by U-859, sinking about 125 miles off the Omani coast.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Colonies form body to lobby Britain

London: *Six of Britain's 15 colonies and dependencies have set up a lobby group to ensure their interests and rights are not overlooked as the government looks at ways to reduce its commitments to them (Michael Binyon writes).*

Albert Piggio, Gibraltar's representative in Britain, will be chairman of the new association, which includes the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Most territories have their own representatives in Britain but the association wants to give them collective weight in financial and political negotiations.

Saddam takes on new powers

Baghdad: President Saddam Hussein has taken personal charge of Iraq's foreign policy, according to a newspaper article published yesterday and signed by Uday, his eldest son, who owns the paper.

"The leader [Saddam] is now assuming in a direct manner the [responsibility] of the subject of Iraqi diplomacy," the article in *Babel* said. The paper did not say when Saddam had started running foreign policy but said "changes at the UN Security Council" on how to deal with Iraqi sanctions were due to the way Saddam was steering diplomacy. *(Reuter)*

Haiti appeal

Washington: In the first public show of discord with the US since being returned to Haiti, President Aristide has said democracy will be jeopardised if US troops fail to disarm thugs and military forces still opposed to the new order.

Police killed

Hyderabad: Sixteen Indian policemen have been killed by a landmine believed to have been planted by Maoist guerrillas opposed to elections in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. *(Reuter)*

Bishop dies

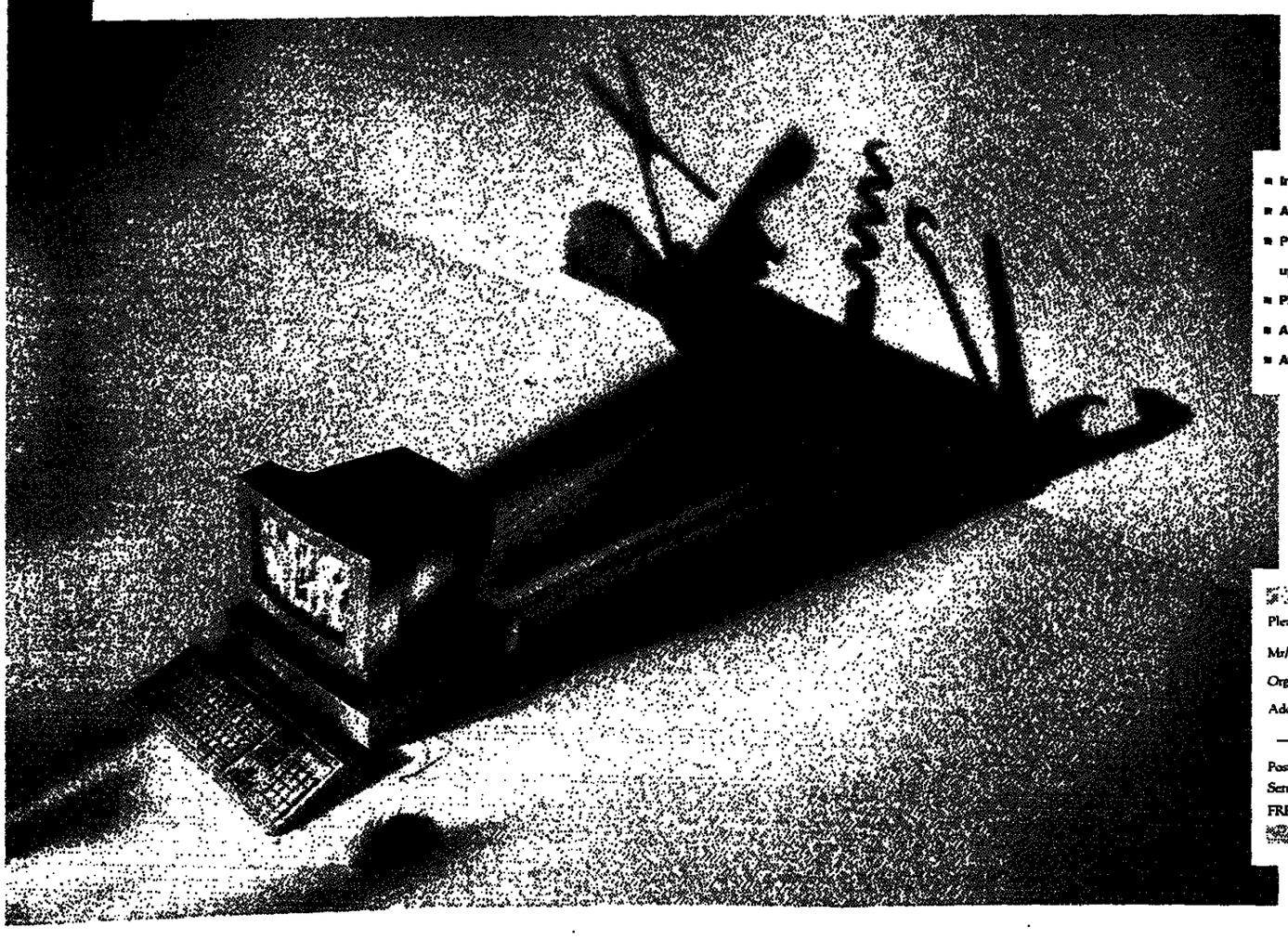
San Salvador: Mgr Arturo Rivera Damas, Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Salvador and a tireless critic of human rights abuses in his country, has died of a heart attack. He was 71. *(Reuter)*

Monkey gods

Lop Buri: Dozens of wild primates, which live in a temple at Lop Buri, 95 miles north of Bangkok, have taken part in the annual monkey feast. Many Thais believe that keeping the creatures happy brings good luck. *(AP)*

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Sylvie Guillem slides into That Costume as the Royal Ballet revives Forsythe's *Herman Schmerman*

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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on a misguided *La Traviata* for Covent Garden; plus an Elgar premiere

Pretty and disappointing

DONALD COOPER



The emergence of a remarkable new talent: the Romanian soprano Angela Gheorghiu as the ailing Violetta in the Royal Opera's new *Traviata*

There are two pleasing aspects to the Royal Opera's new production of *Traviata*. First, every note of a score traditionally disfigured by "theatre" cuts — presumably made with the misguided aim of making it sound like early *verismo* rather than the formal *melodramma* Verdi composed — is played as written. This matters: overall dramatic shape, the careful balance between two short, static acts framing the longer, action-packed second is all part of that form.

Secondly, the production confirms the emergence of a remarkable new talent. The Romanian soprano Angela Gheorghiu has already sung Mimì, Micaëla and Zerlina with the company, but Violetta — her first anywhere — is a far greater challenge. Still in her twenties, she looks perfect as the frail heroine and carries herself with natural dignity and poise. She has all the notes easily and securely within her clean, bright soprano voice, and she strings them together with instinctive musicianship.

It is hardly her fault if she barely scratches the surface of the text, because that, I fear, is the end of the good news — unless, that is, you think of *Traviata* as a long-lost musical by Ivor Novello to a libretto by Barbara Cartland rather than the bitter, angry tragedy that Verdi wrote.

He was, after all, living with a "fallen woman", one rejected and humiliated by the polite society in which he moved, when he saw the Dumas play in Paris and suddenly dropped existing plans in favour of turning it into an opera, an opera full of contempt for bourgeois hypocrisy, anger at the wanton destruction of a young life, and compassion for spiritual beauty heedlessly snuffed out.

You will find none of this in Covent Garden's plushly comfortable new show. Bob Crowley's sets and costumes depict an operetta never-never land inhabited by bland lay-figures, with Violetta presented to us in the sort of ballgown you expect to see twirling on top of a music box. Who are these people, what sort of society are they supposed to represent? Oh, for Visconti's classic version of 1967, when you knew precisely where you were within two minutes of the curtain going up: in sleazeville.

Perhaps it would have been more prudent for National Theatre director Richard Eyre to attempt his first opera somewhere other than in a major international house, where his inability to do anything with a chorus would have been less pitilessly exposed, and where he could have started to learn how to work with singers in peace and quiet away from the limelight.

Because of actual direction there is little sign, only the occasional flash, like Violetta's "Giammai! No mai" when Germont first makes his proposal: the process by which she changes her mind is left uncharted. Poor Frank Lopardo, the modest-voiced Alfredo, is left to his own devices, and settles for a half-hearted James Cagney impersonation, a sullen thug rather than a naive provincial boy. Flora, Gaston, the Baron and Marquis, all beautifully composed roles and well cast, become ciphers. Only Leo Nucci's smoothly practised Germont makes much impression, strictly on its own terms.

The new mature, benign Sir Georg Solti is in the Royal Opera House pit, and one guiltily longed for the old hell-raiser whose late Verdi in the old days tingled with excitement. His first attempt at this middle-Verdi score sounds impossibly respectable and soft-centred. The accompaniment figures are not allowed to do their dramatic work: pizzicato basses are just pizzicato basses when Violetta remarks on the possibility of divine forgiveness in contrast to the implacability of man, the dotted rhythm under "Dite alla giovane" just pretty decoration.

And the ever-present danger in the Verdi of this period of treating the orchestra like a giant guitar — the German school's traditional gibe — is not altogether avoided. Too many triple-tempo movements — even Germont's "Piangi, piangi", for heaven's sake — are allowed to sound like waltzes. *Traviata* by Johann Strauss? This can't be right, but it really is what it begins to sound like.

Elgar better heard than seen

The Spanish Lady
Cambridge

WATCHING Cambridge University Opera Society's brave but doomed attempt to breathe life into Elgar's unfinished opera was like playing that parlour game where you are given an intriguing first line to a story — perhaps "My grandmother's lover quietly untied his roller-skates" — and a last line such as "The hamster had devoured the incriminating envelope", and you then have to get from A to Z.

Well, the intriguing bits of *The Spanish Lady* are the 180 scraps of music which the dying Elgar wrote but never assembled, orchestrated or (mostly) even harmonised. That has all been done, in fine Elgarian style, by Percy Young, and the patched-up score was beautifully played here by a student orchestra conducted neatly, if a little inflexibly, by William Lacey.

But then comes the matter of getting from A to Z, which in this case means trying to work out how Elgar intended to fit his lush music to a convoluted and wordy Ben Jonson play, *The Devil is an Ass*. To say that the result here was a bit muddled would be kind. Fops, rogues, tarts and roaring-boys came and went, delivering incomprehensible lines that established neither what they were doing nor why. Generally, Act II was more successful than Act I, perhaps because by then the dialogue had mostly given way to a pageant of curious dances which the whole cast stomped through with rough vigour, possibly out of relief.

Better diction might have clarified the story (lecherous old guardian thwarted by ardent young tenor dressed as woman). But I doubt it. We may have to accept that Elgar's music — which has some sprightly mock-Jacobean dances, one delightful if underdeveloped love duet, rambunctious choruses (rousingly sung, too), and a few passages of utterly quintessential Elgarian wistfulness — is best heard but not seen.

Adrian Osmond's production had some lively ideas. Christoph Genz, as the ardent tenor, sang exceptionally well and I enjoyed Tim Mirfin's sombre delivery of "Memento mori", despite the fact that this lugubrious ditty seemed to have drifted in from a different story altogether.

At least the intrepid Cambridge students have proved that *The Spanish Lady* is well-nigh unstageable. Indeed, there must be doubts about whether it would have made a serviceable opera even if Elgar had completed it.

RICHARD MORRISON

Blowing fair for the 1990s

JAZZ

The Allaway/ Antonia Quartet
606 Club

IF the most reliable guide to the health of a country's jazz scene is the standard of its younger, relatively unsung players, then British jazz has, at least on a musical level, little to worry about. Many of the Loose Tubes/Jazz Warriors alumni who cut their teeth during the 1980s "jazz renaissance" are now leading successful bands of their own, but a fresh generation of players is springing up for the 1990s.

The Allaway/Antonia Quartet epitomise the strengths of this new generation. Co-led by saxophonist Mark Allaway and bassist Phil Antonia, and featuring pianist Dave Frankel and drummer David May, the band dispense tight, lively, but considered music, most of it written by the co-leaders themselves. In two sets at Chelsea's 606 Club, the quartet concentrated mainly on material on their debut CD, *Samizdat*.

They began with the album's opener, Antonia's brisk but supple "Crossing the Rubicon", proceeded through the airy, almost insouciant Allaway theme "Coopers Calling" and then settled down to reproduce the mix of the recording: light, accessible themes interspersed with more upbeat, solid groove-based improvisation, some of it with an attractive Latin tinge.

Having two leaders in a quartet might seem a recipe for musical confusion, but Allaway and Antonia have pleasingly complementary composing voices, the saxophonist's themes mostly straightforward, unfussy affairs, while the bassist's are slightly more complex. Thus Allaway's uplifting, almost perky "Cogito ergo *sum*", with its buoyantly optimistic theme and its passage of traded "*fours*" featuring the tastefully rumbustious May, was tellingly followed by the gentle lyricism of Antonia's "Next Time Around". The theme statement of this latter tune also demonstrated another advantage of the band's dual leadership: by sharing the melody between tenor and bass, a most effective textural variety was achieved.

Like many of Britain's brighter jazz prospects, all the members of the quartet are products of London's Guildhall School of Music. If the school's jazz course can turn out as many distinguished musicians in its second decade as in its first, then the future of British jazz is set fair.

CHRIS PARKER

ROCK

Electrafixion
Zap Club, Brighton

WHEN Echo and the Bunnymen limped to a halt in the mid-1980s, with rumours of a vitriolic rift between their two main men, Ian McCulloch and Will Sergeant, it seemed that a special musical partnership was irrevocably over. But no. Reactivated as Electrafixion, with drummer Tony Mack and bassist Leon Da Silva joining the original Bunnymen duo, McCulloch and Sergeant have penned a remarkably terse debut EP, "Zephyr", and, on present form, are heading back towards the big time.

Although some among the audience clearly hoped that this new outfit was a reincarnation of the Bunnymen, Electrafixion had fixed clear demarcation lines. The shimmering wall of sound generated by the three guitars was earthed by a Duane Eddy-like bass, leaving McCulloch's raw and compelling vocals free to move across the entire surface of the sound.

Opening with "Rain On Me", the band quickly established an identity characterised by a new muscularity and a rare lyric urgency. By "Too Far Gone" and "Who's Been Sleeping In My Head", Sergeant's barrage of flanged guitars evinced an adroit control and subtle chord changes.

It was suitably dramatic. A backlit stage silhouetted the band in a haze of blue light and smoke, from which McCulloch's head — shorn of its trademark quiff but otherwise as youthful as ever — periodically poked. McCulloch, who seems to sing in a reverie, kept his eyes closed. Some members of the audience fished out binoculars for a better look. Listening proved to be more fruitful.

A trio of songs — "Zephyr", "Mirrorball" and "Sister Pain" — left no doubts concerning the quality of McCulloch and Sergeant's resurrected partnership.

The band encored with blistering versions of "Bed Of Nails", triggered off by a sample from Arthur Brown's histrionic 1967 hit, "Fire", and, finally, "Burned". Electrafixion are clearly on the right track.

LOUISE GRAY

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Let's hear it for Scrooge

Heather Neill talks to John Mortimer about bringing Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* to the stage

The adjective "Dickensian" conjures up both bemuffled, apple-cheeked Victorian charm and squalid poverty, both Christmas-card warmth and the bleakness of the workhouse.

John Mortimer, who has adapted *A Christmas Carol* for the Royal Shakespeare Company, relishes the mixture. "People think this is just a jolly Christmas story. It is much more than that: it is a denunciation of poverty."

At 75, Mortimer, creator of *Rumpole of the Bailey* and retired barrister, is a successful playwright and novelist. He is a genial companion with an insatiable interest in other people — interviewers soon find themselves interviewed — but has nevertheless never kept a writer's notebook, relying instead, he says, on his barrister's memory.

We met at his favourite restaurant, in a pub near Henley, where he lives with his second wife and ten-year-old daughter in the house where he grew up. But, despite his sense of rootedness in Oxfordshire, Mortimer still has the energy to tour the country to promote his latest volume of autobiography, *Murderers and Other Friends*, fitting in lectures to aspiring law students and guest appearances in schools and on radio programmes. And, of course, he drops in on rehearsals. Like Dickens, he is, by his own admission, stage-struck.

But for all Dickens's acknowledged "theatricality", stage adaptations of his novels often suffer from the loss of the author's voice. "The trouble with all adaptations is that they take the dialogue scenes and dramatise those, leaving out much that is good," Mortimer says. "You have to consider the whole book."

The result in the case of the Mortimer *Christmas Carol* is that it is very close to Dickens's original. He quotes the description of the shops at Christmas: "There are ruddy, brown-faced, broad-girthed onions, shining in the fatness of their growth like Spanish Friars . . .". "All that's there. The Fezziwigs' ball is all in the *words*." Those crucial words are retained by dividing the narrative between people, a many-headed Chorus made up of the whole cast. Fans of the RSC's *Nicholas Nickleby* will recognise the technique, but this time the whole story can be told in little more than two hours.

Earlier adaptations have tended to emphasise Scrooge's redemption — or merely his comic crustiness — to the exclusion of more general social observations. Mortimer does not want to diminish Scrooge (here played by Clive Francis) — far from it. He sees him as a brilliant comic creation, as significant a literary figure as Falstaff or Micawber. An old miser crying "humbug" at Christmas, a villain in need of redemption, he is also "brave and very funny in the back answers he gives the spirits".

A Christmas Carol appeared in December 1843. Last year, in celebration of the 150th anniversary, a facsimile edition was published by Yale University Press and the Pierpont Morgan Library of New York, which owns many of Dickens's papers. Mortimer was invited to write the introduction and describes his first sight of the manuscript with a mixture of awe and humour. A black velvet cloth was ceremoniously placed in front of him "and they dumped down the manuscript. Every single word was crossed out. The manuscript was a total mess." The facsimile indeed shows that Dickens's apparent facility was the result of many second thoughts. He worked quickly but crossed out, scribbled through and rephrased as he went.

On the pages in "Stave IV", which describes Tiny Tim's death, one might expect to see the ink smudged with tears. It remains a moving episode. "Not sentimental," says Mortimer. "Not sentimental," echoes Ian Judge, his director, two weeks later at the RSC's Clapham rehearsal rooms. Many families faced the death of a child; it was a commonplace. One of the most enjoyable aspects of Scrooge's redemption is that death is outwitted, grief postponed.

Mortimer has already removed every last vestige of sentimentality from Tiny Tim. He invented a story (published in *The New York Times*) in which he imagined the guilty, gay millionaire, Sir Timothy Cratchit, needing to learn for himself the very same lesson that he helped to teach Scrooge. Turkey-giving — and receiving — is only the first step to rehabilitation.

Judge is a showman, at home directing opera and the more flamboyant RSC productions, most recently *Twelfth Night* and *Love's Labours Lost*. He has taken up the Chorus idea with enthusiasm and plans to present an ever-changing London society out of which emerge the characters required for each scene.

If Mortimer is "haunted" by *A Christmas Carol*, Judge has known it since childhood: at nine he was playing young Scrooge for the local rep. Both revel in the joy of the tale: Judge even hopes the production may help to re-educate the cynical 1990s to enjoy Christmas again. Charles Dickens, after all, virtually invented it in its traditional form.

● *A Christmas Carol opens at the Barbican (071-638 8891) on December 6. Previews from tonight.*

MARTIN BEDALL



Mortimer: "People think this is a jolly Christmas story. It is a denunciation of poverty"

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
☒ **Some seats available**
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☐ ***THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE:*** *Final week for Christopher Morahan's excellent staging of Shaw's study of honour, true and hypocritical, in the American War of Independence. Strong performances from, among others, Richard Bonneville, Paul Jesson, Daniel Massey*
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Wed. 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm ♿

☒ **GRIMM TALES:** *Hansel and Gretel and Iron Hans, woven together with other tales recorded by the Brothers Grimm. Carol Ann Duffy (adapter) and Tim Supple (director) return to the pre-Victorian version of the tales, and the grotesque costumes look terrific*
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Now previewing; opens Dec 7. 7pm.Until Jan 21 ♿

☒ **THE MASTER BUILDER:** Brian Cox's strong and stirring performance in late Ibsen, tearful of being overtaken, obsessed with the young and vital Siri Neal. John Crowley directs. Final week.
Riverside Studio 1, Crisp Road, *Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2255).* Tonight-Sat. 7.45pm; Sat, 2.30pm ♿

☒ **MOSCOW STATIONS:** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **MY NIGHT WITH REG.** John Sessions and David Bamber in Kevin Elyot's excellent, award-winning comedy with a dark edge. Six gay men caught up in a web of reticence and deception
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Tue, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, Wed, 6.30pm and 9.15pm, mat Sat, 4pm ♿

■ **OLIVER!** Lavish Cameron Mackintosh revival of the Bart musical. Jonathan Pryce plays Fagin, Sam Mendes directs.
Palladium, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020) Closed tonight. Now previewing. 7.30pm Opens Dec 8, 7pm ♿

☐ **OUT OF THE BLUE.** Deeply sincere Anglo-Japanese musical, about forgiveness, happiness and so forth
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. ♿

☒ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN.** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 8pm: mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN.** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits penny into grim old age. Superb performances in Edward Albee's powerful drama
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Beautiful Thing** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . ☒ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ☐ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ ***Don't Dress for Dinner*** *Duchess* (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) ☒ **An Inspector Calls** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan** Albery (071-867 1115) ☒ **Les Misérables** Palace (071-434 0909) ☒ **Miss Saigon** *Theatre Royal* (071-494 5400) . ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Mann's (071-836 1443) ☐ **Neville's Island** Apollo (071-494 5070) ☐ **Once on This Island** Island (Royalty), (071-494 5090) ☐ **Only the Lonely** Piccadilly (071-369 1734) ■ ***The Phantom of the Opera*** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **She Loves Me** Savoy (071-836 8888) ☐ **The Sisters Rosensweig** Old Vic (071-928 7616) ☐ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ☒ **Sunset Boulevard** *Adelphi (071-344 0055)* ☒ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CORRINA, CORRINA** (PG) Housemaid Whoopi Goldberg reawakens a household numbed by grief. Increasingly predictable sentimental drama with Ray Liotta and Tina Majorino. Director, Jessie Nelson.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

DAYS OF BEING WILD (15). Wong Kar-wei's audacious portrait of disconnected lives in a dream-like Hong Kong of 1960. With Leslie Cheung and Maggie Cheung.
ICA ♿ (071-930 3647)

DEAR DIARY (15) Delightful, freewheeling film journal from Italian actor-director Nanni Moretti.
Curzon West End (071-369 1722) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (071-727 6705) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** ♿ (071-435 3566)

◆ **A GOOD MAN IN AFRICA** (15): Misjudged version of William Boyd's comic novel about corruption and morality in West Africa. With Colin Friels and Sean Connery. Director, Bruce Beresford.
MGMx: Fulham Road ♿ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **HIGHLANDER III: THE SORCERER** (15) Incoherent addition to the tiresome series about Christopher Lambert's wandering immortal. Director, Andy Morahan
MGM Trocadero ♿ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** ♿ (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U) African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots
MGM Trocadero ♿ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15) Unwieldy, overdone slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **MGMx: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

MY FAIR LADY (U) Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, very familiar tunes and Edwardian finery galore. Directed by George Cukor
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

SECOND BEST (12) Absorbing, low-key tale of two damaged lives healing, with William Hurt as the Welsh postmaster eager to adopt a difficult boy. Director, Chris Menges
MGM Fulham Road ♿ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE SHADOW** (12) Laboured adventures of the 1930s crimefighter, with Alec Baldwin, John Lone and Penelope Ann Miller. Director, Russell Mulcahy
MGM Fulham Road ♿ (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

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FLESH AND BONE (15). Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from *Fabulous Baker Boys* director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ ***I LOVE TROUBLE*** *(PG)* Romantic comedy thriller that fails to match its vintage Hollywood models. With Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: An impressive new play by Richard Hayton

The honeymoon from hell

A LINE from Richard Hayton's interesting new play has stuck in my mind and I suspect it may be in there permanently. His 25-year-old heroine Alice, sweet-natured but a loner, is deep in an old Penguin outside her hotel in Clovelly where the arrival of Bryony, another visitor, takes her by surprise. "I was years away," she explains. Bright-eyed Bryony corrects her — "miles away" — and Alice politely agrees that this is what she meant to say. But of course it isn't. She has been, and continues to be, back in the Clovelly where her parents spent the cruel honeymoon that wrecked their marriage.

Hayton weaves together past and present to suggest that an old tragedy can repeat itself a generation on, though without adding the necessary rider that this is much more likely if we will it to do so. On Lucy Webber's evocative set, where the seaweed on the beach merges into the covers on the double bed, the honeymoon that began so happily is spliced together with the romps enjoyed by Bryony and her journo boyfriend, seemingly in the identical bed. The bride's fatal fascination with the skipper of a fishing boat looks as if it will be mirrored by Bryony's and then Alice's trip to sea with the same skipper.

1969
Bridge Lane, SW11

The author is able to give resonance to a scene through dialogue (there is one hilarious drunk scene with Justine Powell's Bryony at its centre), through the monologues in which Catherine Cusack's Alice recalls the griefs and fleeting happiness of her childhood, and in episodes, angry or comical, in which scarcely any words are said. Some of what Alice presents as certainty she simply cannot know, but the story is intriguing and the mood sensitively expressed in Paolo Guglielmotti's able direction. Worth a trip to Battersea.

JEREMY KINGSTON

OVERTURES

Arena for Pavarotti

BOOKING opens next Monday for one big and glamorous addition to the Royal Opera's 1995 schedule: **Luciano Pavarotti** singing in Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* at the Albert Hall. The performance, to be semi-staged, takes place on May 1, and follows four staged performances (also with Pavarotti) at Covent Garden during April.

The Royal Opera says that the extra Albert Hall show has been arranged "in anticipation of keen public interest" in this production. Tickets range up to £120, but the company is quick to point out that at the Albert Hall "over 4,000 seats will be at £80 or under".

● MAKING his directing debut is the actor **Alan Rickman**, who stages Sharman MacDonald's new play, *The Winter Guest*, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds in January before taking it to London's Almeida Theatre in March. The ruefully comic play will star **Phyllida Law**, who in recent years has become better known as Emma Thompson's mother.

Also announced for next year: the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park is to put on *The Music Man*, Meredith Willson's 1957 portrait of small-town America. **Roy Hudd** is the actor expected to step into Robert Preston's shoes. Meanwhile, look for a West End transfer in the spring of **Diane Samuels**'s play *Kindertransport*, her Cockpit Theatre hit about Jewish children evacuated to England during the Holocaust. The play is expected to bring **Jane Lapotaire** back to the West End.

● DECEMBER brings a rash of sentimental pop-soul album releases, tailored to the Christmas market. Hot off the block this time round is *Merry Christmas* by **Mariah Carey**, which also has a spin-off single attached, cunningly called "All I Want For Christmas Is You". Other big names gearing up for the December hard-sell include **Diana Ross**, **Kenny G**, **Neil Diamond** and **Natalie Cole**.

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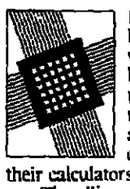
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Don't count on them



MANY people have a problem with long division, but it hardly matters. These days, they leave such awkward numerical juggling to their calculators, or their computers. The silicon chips that do the work are assumed to be infallible.

Not so. An American mathematician in hot pursuit of prime numbers, Professor Thomas Nicely, has discovered that Intel's latest chip, the much-hyped Pentium, has trouble dividing one long number into another.

The answers it gets are right, but not right enough: errors appear in the fifth digit after the decimal point when a computer loaded with this chip is asked to do "double precision floating point divides". These are calculations in which the user has specified high accuracy.

This has caused fury among statisticians and economists who use Pentium-powered computers and whose work depends on getting the answer dead right. One complained that he had spent six months on a project and now was not sure if he could rely on the results. The error made by the chip is so subtle that it could easily escape detection.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

Harold Thimbleby, a professor of computing at Middlesex University, has made a study of high-tech machines that do not work. A couple of years ago he earned the gratitude of fumblers everywhere by declaring that video-recorders were so badly designed that most users couldn't programme them. Since then, a whole new business — Video-Plus — has been established in order to make good the failings of the people who designed these machines.

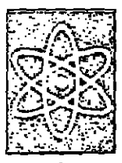
Professor Thimbleby says the only novel thing about the Intel fuss is that the company has come clean. The same isn't true of the people who make calculators. Many of them make mistakes, as you can easily prove for yourself.

Take almost any calculator and ask it to do a really simple sum, such as four times minus five. The answer, of course, should be minus 20, but calculators will tell you it is minus one. There is a way of getting the right answer but it involves mangling the algebra.

Another easy test is to try one plus 5 per cent. The answer should be 1.05, but the calculator I tried it on (a Casio LC-311) gave me 1.0526315, the same answer Professor Thimblebly got from a Casio MS-70L. He tried five calculators, and only two — a Casio MS-270L and a Sharp EL-531GH — got the right answer.

All calculators could get these sums right if they used a chip Professor Thimbleby has designed. But the manufacturers claim their customers are perfectly happy.

Elementary



MORE fun on the fringes of the Periodic Table: the Germans have discovered a new element but are refusing to give it a name. Why? They are unhappy about what they see as the heavy-handed interference of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, which recently gave names to a whole string of man-made elements and contrived to irritate virtually all those involved in their discovery.

In particular, IUPAC said that the eminent American scientist Glenn Seaborg could not have element 106 named after him because he was still alive, and irritated the Germans by disdaining their suggestions for elements 107 to 109, discovered in the 1980s at the Darmstadt Heavy Ion Research Centre.

The Germans wanted neilsbohrium, hassium and meitnerium for these three, named respectively after Dane Neils Bohr, Hassia (the Latin for Hesse, where the lab is located) and Lise Meitner, who discovered nuclear fission in 1939 just in time to make the Second World War into an exciting time for physicists.

IUPAC went instead for bohrium for 107, hahnium for 108 (after Otto Hahn, Meitner's co-worker) and meitnerium for 109. This made the Germans cross because — wait for it — they thought Meitner's name should commemorate an earlier element than Hahn's, because she initiated the work. All clear so far?

Dr Peter Ambruster, of the Darmstadt lab, declares: "The discoverers have the right to name an element, and IUPAC can accede or not, but if they don't they should tell you and allow you to come up with another name, not invent one themselves." Dr Albert Ghiorso, Seaborg's colleague, says: "The right of the discoverer to name elements is sacrosanct." This one will run and run.

Life force



AN American scientist has sent a chill through the gene therapy community by devising a way of modifying sperm cells, introducing new genes that can then be passed on to the next generation.

Such "germ line" therapy would at present fall outside ethical guidelines, because of the danger of accidentally introducing unwanted changes that would then ring down the generations.

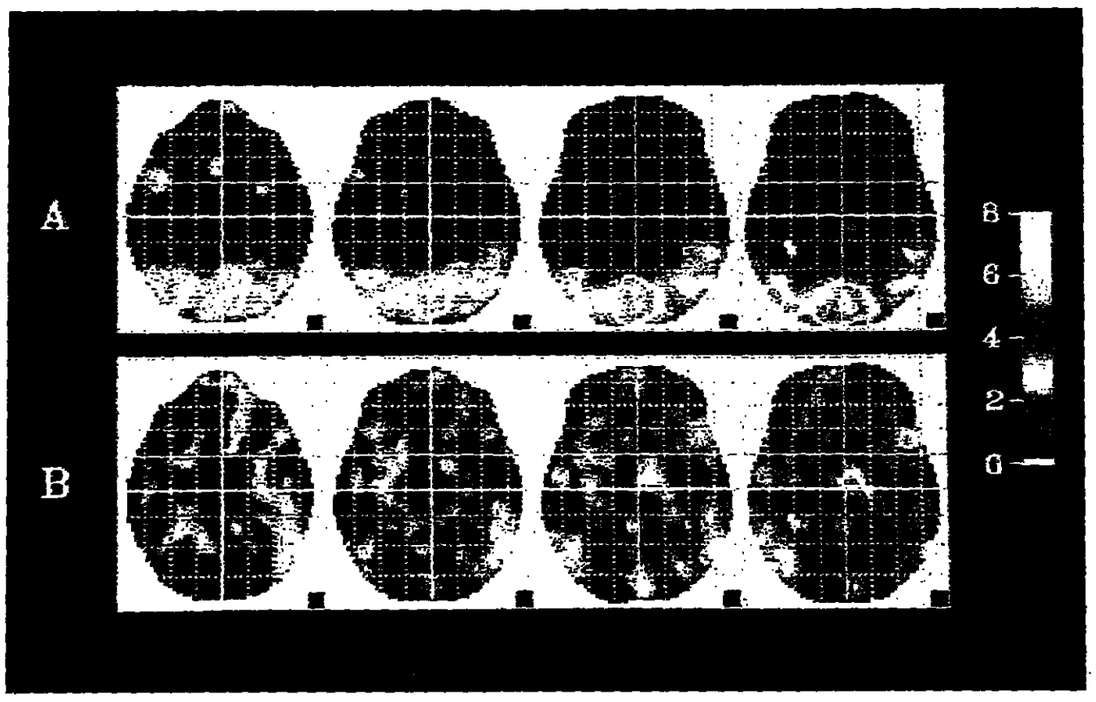
All gene therapies so far given approval are designed to treat cells, such as those in the lung, that die when the person carrying them does. Sperm cells are immortal — or at least the messages contained in their DNA are. Now Dr Ralph Brinster, of the University of Pennsylvania, has reported in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* that he has successfully tranferred genes into sperm stem cells of mice. These cells are the precursors of sperm, and any genes that they contain also appear in the sperm itself.

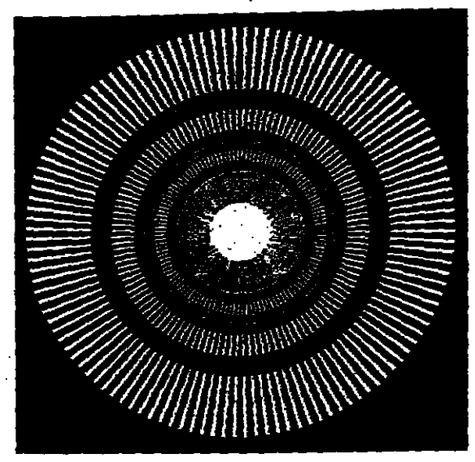
The technique could be very useful for studying sperm, and the causes of infertility. But ethics specialists worry that it might also be used for altering our genetic inheritance, by eliminating the faulty genes that cause inherited disease, or even by trying to inject favourable genes (if they are discovered) which confer intelligence or musical talent.

Dr Brinster told *The New York Times*: "I don't think there is any way to hold back knowledge." Others in America have called for a national debate, or even a repeat of the famous conference in 1983 at Asilomar, in California, where the first guidelines for gene manipulation were laid down. Certainly the ethical issues involved do not become any easier.

The brains behind our view of the world

New research has revolutionised theories of how the brain decodes what we see. **Adam Zeman** reports





The technique of positron emission tomography (PET) is based on the principle that blood flow increases locally in active areas of the brain. If you fix on the centre of Isia Leviant's work of kinetic art, "Enigma" (above), you will probably see movement in the circles. PET studies (left) of the brain show the regions of highest activity when people observed a moving pattern (A); and the regions of significant blood flow changes when the same people looked at the mere *illusion* of movement in "Enigma" (B)

Look stranger on this island now/The leaping light for your delight discovers . . .

Auden's advice is easy to follow: open your eyes, and the visual world lies there before you. Form and colour, movement and depth, come into view without a squeak of effort. But effort is a poor index of achievement. The creation of the visual world is among the most astounding feats of the brain. Over the past 20 years there has been a quiet revolution in our understanding of the processes which make it possible.

Semir Zeki, Professor of Neurobiology at London University, has played a leading part in the revolution. Last year he became its chronicler, with a highly accessible account of the recent discoveries, *A Vision of the Brain* (Blackwell).

I met him in his office at University College, where he was once a medical student. The small, comfortable room hung with attractive contemporary prints clearly belongs to a scientist whose interests extend beyond the doors of the laboratory. He combines a passionate enthusiasm for neuroscience with a historian's curiosity. This is an advantage: to understand the revolution in the science of vision one needs to understand something of the old regime.

An inverted image of our surroundings is focused on the retina by the eye's lens. Within the retina, which hugs the back of the eye, the image gives rise to electrical activity, conveyed to the brain along the million fibres of the optic nerve. This activity eventually reaches the striate cortex, the hindmost tip of the brain's wrinkled surface. Here the visual world is "mapped": adjacent objects in the field of view are represented by activity in adjacent patches of cortex.

This much has been clear since the First World War, when the geography of the cortical "map" was inferred from studies of the vision of brain-injured combatants. No one doubts the basic accuracy of these observations, but they helped to give rise to a theory of vision which the work of Zeki and others has thrown into terminal doubt.

The theory held that the striate cortex was the sole receptive area for visual impressions. Activity here enabled us to see. Activity in neighbouring "association" cortex enabled us to interpret what we saw. Sensation preceded understanding, and the two activities were vested in quite separate parts of the brain. Such ideas look very reasonable. They are wrong. The picture which Zeki offers is altogether more startling.

The recent evidence suggests that there are numerous additional maps, perhaps as many as 30, surrounding the striate cortex. Instead of a single stream of visual information passing through the brain, there are several parallel streams. These multiple maps and parallel streams concern themselves with different aspects of the visual image. Thus signals flowing to the area called V4 play a vital role in the analysis of colour, while V5 is occupied with the analysis of movement.

Until recently evidence for such ideas was gathered from work with animals and from rare "experiments of nature", human brain injuries which just happen to involve a region of interest. These experiments have been remarkably revealing: damage to area V4 in man drains the visual world of colour, damage to V5 drastically impairs the ability to perceive movement. But the past few years have seen a vivid illustration of the working of these areas in the healthy human brain.

The technique of positron emission tomography (PET) relies on the principle that blood flow increases locally in active areas of the brain. With the help of images which visualise these increases, Zeki and Richard Frackowiak at the Hammersmith Hospital showed that activity in area V4 is enhanced when we inspect a richly coloured target; area V5 is set into action by motion. More remarkably still, area V5 is activated by the *illusion* of motion induced by some kinetic art (see illustrations).

This new account of vision, which envisages parallel streams of information passing through separate specialised maps, provokes an awkward question. How does a unified image result from such a division of labour? How do colour, form and motion cohere?

Zeki regards this question as the first of the two major challenges for visual research over the next 20 years. It is only possible to gesture to an answer at the moment. There are intricate interconnections between the visual areas. Such pathways are likely to provide the means of binding the disparate features of a visual object into a coherent image. These connections may, for example, allow synchronous rhythmic activity among the nerve cells in different areas which are responding to the same object.

The second challenge identified by Zeki reflects a seachange in the interests of physiologists. How does activity in the visual area give rise to consciousness?

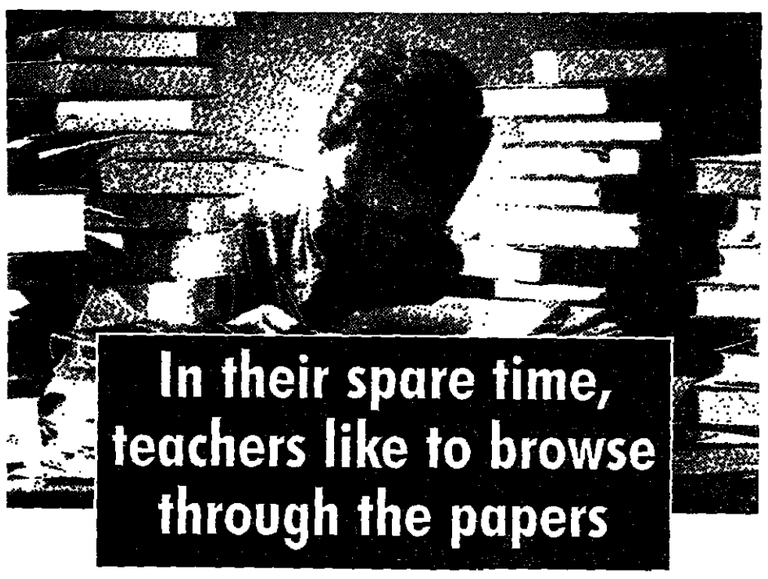
The visual cortex is often regarded simply as a biological system, a physiological jigsaw. Zeki feels that this approach fails to do justice to the real fascination of vision. Subjective experience may not fall within the usual realm of scientific observation, but evolution has produced brains with one outstanding characteristic — consciousness. This must be accounted for in any theory of vision worthy of the name.

Work over the past ten years from laboratories such as Zeki's and Alan Cowey's in Oxford has begun to make it possible to envisage a detailed neurology of visual consciousness. Patients with the curious capacity for "blindsight" are providing valuable clues.

Subjects with blindsight are straightforwardly blind in the sense that they have no conscious experience of vision, usually as a result of damage to area V1. Nevertheless, if pressed, they are able to "guess" the correct positions of objects, and can often detect motion and distinguish simple patterns. It remains unclear quite why blindsight should be blind, but teasing out the pathways which subserve it should help to highlight the processes which are essential for of conscious vision.

Zeki believes that his scientific successors will be the philosophers of the next millennium, grappling with the problems of "knowledge, experience, consciousness and the mind — all a consequence of the activities of the brain". *A Vision of the Brain* suggests that he is right.

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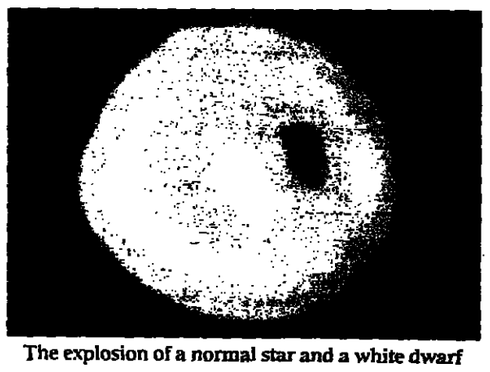
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Of dwarfs and superstars

Discovery solves a puzzle for astronomers



The explosion of a normal star and a white dwarf

The hottest new star on the celebrity circuit is RE1738. Spotted by the joint British American Rosat satellite (with a camera built by a group of British universities), it fills a gap in our knowledge of the evolution of stars which has puzzled astronomers for decades.

Once a star burns up the energy reserves in its core, it starts to collapse and shrink. The heaviest stars collapse to become black holes, so beloved of science fiction buffs. The lightest and most common stars — those weighing less than the equivalent of eight suns — collapse in a different way. Up to 90 per cent of the material of these ageing stars is blasted off, leaving behind a hot, dense ball. As this ball cools and fades it becomes a white dwarf.

In the 1950s, astronomers observed that white dwarfs fell into two groups. One group showed hydrogen-rich surfaces (A-type) and the other helium-rich surfaces (B-type). They thought that this difference was a characteristic of the dying star rather than having anything to do with the collapsing process. This would imply that newly born white dwarfs would either be A or B types, and stay that way as they cooled down. In turn, this meant astronomers should have seen both types at all temperatures. Mysteriously, neither hot A types or cool B types were observed.

In the 1980s, a new theory emerged: there was really only one type of white dwarf. The A and B-type were like two sides of a split personality. During the first stage of the cooling process, helium floated to the surface to give a hot B-type white dwarf (as observed). As it cooled further, hydrogen floated to the surface to give a cool A-type white dwarf (also observed). This explanation did away with the need to find hot A-types and cool B-types.

But there was a problem. The theory meant that white dwarfs contained both helium and hydrogen gases, which was true. But the relative amounts of the two gases seen by astronomers did not match the amount needed for the split personality model to work. Enter RE1738.

The new star is the first hot A-type white dwarf ever seen. This was one of the missing links in the earlier two-type theory (the cool B-type is still missing). Now after a decade of fussling fruitlessly with a split personality model, astronomers can return to follow their original instinct.

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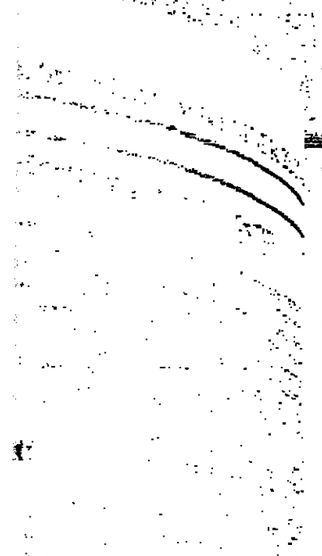
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Battle of the Vikings

Anne McElvoy assesses the two doughty women struggling for Norway's soul



When Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's Prime Minister, arrives to brief the Oslo press on the state of her "Yes to Europe" campaign, the buzz of extraneous conversation remains unaffected. It takes the assembled company a full five minutes to realise that she is there at all.

Dressed in black silk shirt, matching slacks and loafers, she wears her hair in a rather brutal crop and barely a hint of make-up. Known to all Norwegians simply as Gro, she epitomises the informality of Scandinavian politics, wandering among the journalists to inquire after their families and plans for Christmas, lending a ballpoint pen to a latecomer and finally settling to speak in effortless, near-perfect English, in deference to her foreign visitors.

Now heading her fourth government, Brundtland, a youthful 55, exudes absolute ease in power and a rather bossy confidence. It comes as no surprise that she trained as a doctor. Her message to her countrymen is that while they may not like the idea of European Community membership, it is good for them and they should jolly well take the medicine and join up.

How the 3.2 million voters will respond to this chivvying is still unclear. The polls predict a cliffhanger, with 15 per cent of them still registering as "don't knows" at the weekend. For all that, there is no hint of nervousness. "Some people in Norway think that we can stand alone up here," she chides. "They are stuck in their ways, suspicious of the outside world and scared of change. They don't think ahead. That really will not do."

Really will not do? Now that sounds familiar. With her unshakeable convictions and forthright tones, it is impossible not to be reminded of Margaret Thatcher in her prime. The two women, despite a certain mutual fascination, did not get on well and clashed loudly over pollution control during Mrs Thatcher's 1986 visit.

But old enmities are the least of Mrs Brundtland's problems. Today she has a more potent foe in the form of the energetic Anne Enger Lahnstein, a slight, fresh-faced former nurse in her early forties who heads the ranks of Norway's Euro-dissenters. Leader of the small Centre Party, Mrs Lahnstein has sprung to national prominence in the past few months by appealing to Norwegians' fear of the effects of membership on agriculture and the fishing industry and their historically conditioned allergy to integration.

While Mrs Brundtland tries to win people over by threatening that Norway will face a decline in prosperity if it is not part of the EU when its North Sea oil revenues tail off, Mrs Lahnstein goes straight for the emotional jugular. The core opponents of integration are farmers and fishermen, nowadays a tiny minority of the population, but one whose plight still awakens strong public empathy. "We are a small people, a proud people," she told a 25,000-strong rally last week, her girlish voice quivering with emotion. "Any Norwegian can get the train down to Oslo and speak to their MP. It would take you five days to travel by land from the north [of Norway] to Brussels. And even then, you wouldn't know whom you should talk to if you had a problem."

Her favourite campaign word is *Trygghet*, translated as "security" but carrying much wider associations of warmth and contentment.

She says she gets fan mail from Euro-sceptics across the continent, "including some very charming Conservatives from Westminister". At her party's headquarters, a large wall-chart shows the party's steady rise in the opinion polls.

A separated mother of three, she also plays unashamedly on female voting sensibilities. Norway's women remain implacably opposed to EU membership, many fearing for the future of the social feather-bedding the State provides. Women also dominate the well-paid public sector jobs.

> 'It is impossible not to be reminded of Thatcher'

which would be vulnerable to any economic reform.

Mrs Brundtland has said that she intends to stay on even if there is a "no" vote. But observers like Per Nordrum, of the *Aftenposten* newspaper, doubt that she could survive such a blow. "She is staking everything on Europe," he says. "Public life has taken a heavy toll on her. I don't think she could survive defeat."

The Prime Minister's private life has been less happy than her public one. Two years ago, her eldest son committed suicide, and a diplomat daughter had to return home recently from Copenhagen after a nervous breakdown. Her husband, Arne, is an unexciting political scientist who ditched his own conservative allegiance for the sake of his wife's career. "In the Brundtland household," goes one lugubrious Norwegian joke, "you laugh next week."

Despite her doughty feminism, she admits that the balance between family and public life has evaded her: even in a country where the Foreign Minister's campaign photograph shows him at home, ironing his own shirt for the next day. "There simply isn't time to be a mother, a wife and a politician," says Mrs Brundtland briskly. "I like being a politician best."



Head to head: the girlish Anne Enger Lahnstein (left) and the super-confident Gro Harlem Brundtland

A bizarre plot in the groves of academe

The chilling sting of a Fellow's death

Corpus Christi College, Oxford, is a lovely place: a little Renaissance castle of learning around a tiny courtyard, so small that when its founder, the blind Bishop Fox, first visited it, the Fellows led him twice round the quadrangle to make it seem bigger. In 1675 they were still keeping a real fox tethered in the quad in his memory. There were beehives, too: Fox's 1517 statutes for Corpus Christi having described it as a garden, "Wherein scholars, like ingenious bees, are by day and night to make wax to the honour of God and honey, dropping sweetness, to the profit of themselves and of all Christians".

The statutes leave nothing to chance, laying down the washerwomen's duty days and enacting that at dinner the Bible be read aloud without "talk, storytelling, din, laughter, disturbance, noise or other enormities" and that afterwards the Fellows must go straight to their studies to avoid "Abuse, detraction, strife, buffoonery, prating and other vices of the tongue".

And so the bees have laboured on with only the odd hiccup: in 1566 the president was arraigned for whoring, bull-baiting and coming home drunk at "I of the clock, *totering with his legge*"; later the theologian John Keble damaged the sundial by throwing a bottle at it.



LIBBY PURVES

Forgive the historical diversion. It is just that the Corpus Christi hive is buzzing again, more like a hornet's nest this time, and a little bit of perspective on abuse, strife and enormities might calm things down. Sir Kenneth Dover, president of the college until eight years ago, has told in his autobiography the story of how, in 1985, the noted historian Trevor Aston committed suicide there. He did it, among other reasons, because Sir Kenneth meant him to.

Aston was a difficult Fellow, noted for detraction, prating and "vices of the tongue"; a manic depressive, a drinker, prone to rant at high table and lurch around the quad scandalising undergraduates. His tenure had four years to run. Sir Kenneth, outwardly patient, writes chillingly:

"It was clear to me that Trevor and the College must somehow be separated, and my problem was one which I feel compelled to define with brutal candour: how to kill him without getting into trouble."

So, like a good scholar, he researched the matter. Aston had threatened suicide; talking to his psychiatrist, Sir Kenneth ascertained that a formal letter threatening the tenure of his Fellowship might push him into it. He had no qualms: no reverence, he says, "for human life *per se*", only the good of the college. He did worry that the poor devil might ring him to say he had taken an overdose, and checked with a lawyer whether he would then be guilty in law if he did nothing. The answer, to his annoyance, was yes. In the end he swung it: wrote the letter and offered no reassuring denial when Aston said: "You're trying to push me out of college." Aston died. Next morning, his president looked out at the Fellows' Garden and felt very chipper indeed. "I said to myself, slowly: Day one of Year one of the Post-Astonian era."

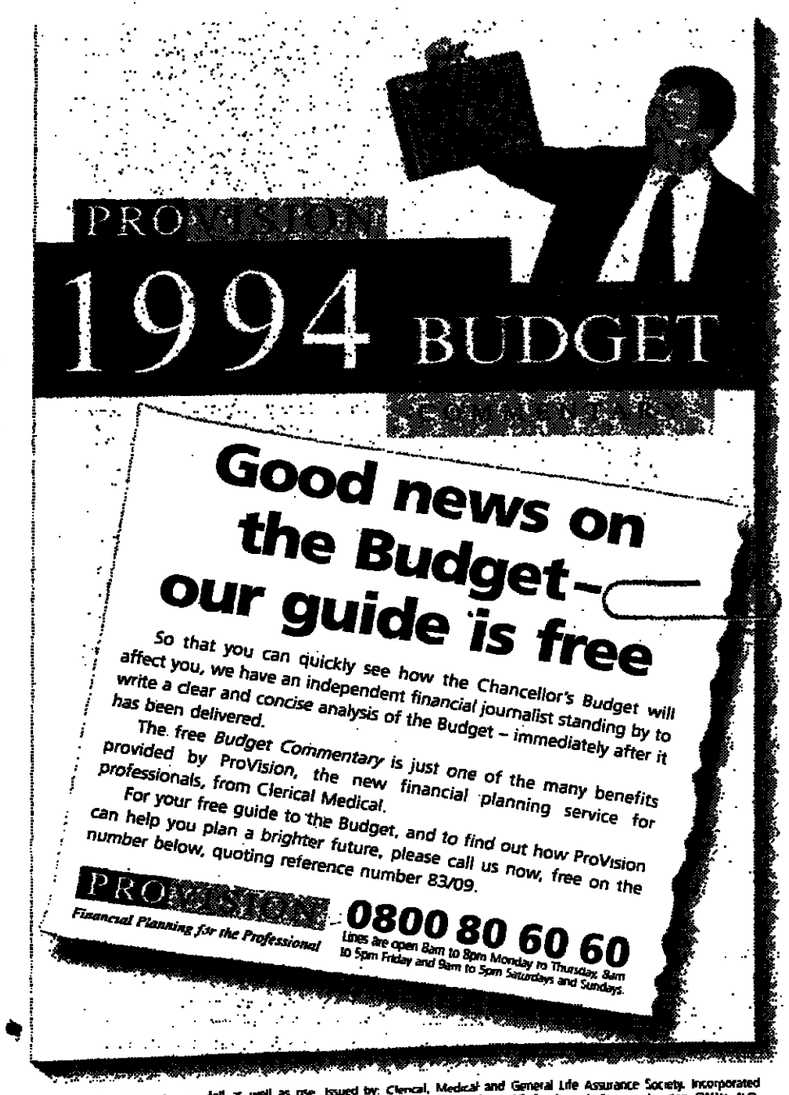
The extraordinary baldness of this account, the assumption that inconvenient people ought to die, took a while to sink in. We expect this attitude from IRA men, gangsters and soldiers in battle. We do not, by and large, expect it from academics in rose gardens. A sharp-eyed reviewer spotted it in Sir Kenneth's autobiography, *Marginal Comment*, and a procession of journalists has been ringing the old man ever since, to see if he really meant it. He did. Irrelevant, to him, is the sadness surrounding any human death: irrelevant the extinction of a unique mind and vision, the premature passing of a troubled human soul to judgment. John Donne's great humane doctrine that every man's death diminishes each one of us, because we are involved in mankind, cuts no ice with Sir Kenneth.

It is a pre-Christian approach. "The Greeks would always worry more about harm or injustice to the community in general than about the individual. They would execute just to be on the safe side," he told an amazed reporter. And again, scornfully rejecting the bourgeois sentimentality of another who spoke of the tastelessness of writing as he did: "It is, in fact, an extremely common event for people to wish other people dead. The death gives them a great deal of satisfaction."

So there you are. He is wrong, but he illustrates beautifully how small and fragile is the ridge of civilised values on which we stand. Behind us lies the cruel ancient world, ahead of us an even nastier post-Christian insouciance about human death, without even community values to lend it nobility.

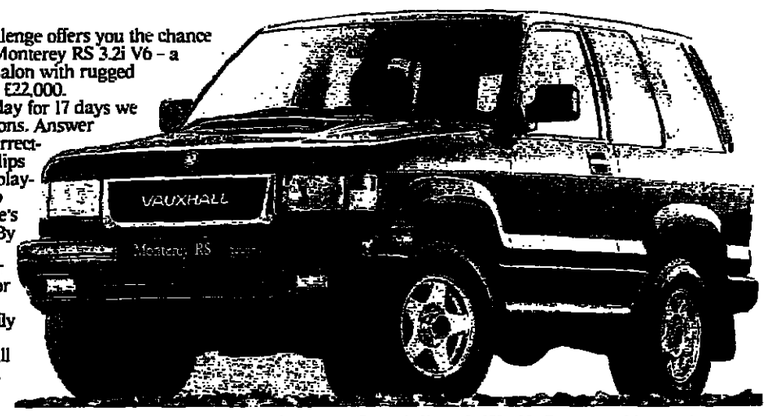
In this newspaper, just below the Aston-Dover story, lay a report about a young couple claiming compensation from a holiday company because their honeymoon was spoilt by seeing three dead bodies: one seaborne, one found dismembered in a suitcase on the beach, one on a construction site. They are claiming off Air Tours; they say they need another holiday to get over this one. Human death, this time, is reduced to an inconvenient nastiness you shouldn't have to see, and can sue over.

It is not so different from reducing it to a necessary administrative convenience for the smooth running of an Oxford college. Sir Kenneth, distinguished classicist, may bridle at being compared with a couple of hick tourists, but John Donne would get the point straight away.



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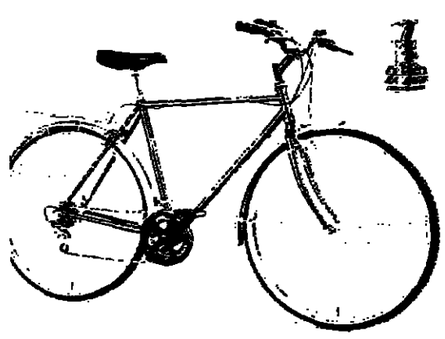
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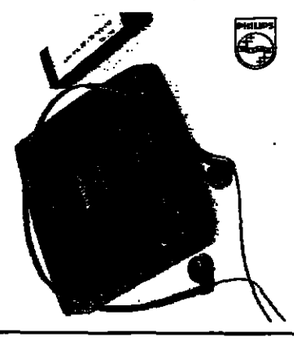
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Matthew Parris



■ When the PM refused to do what the press hoped, we threatened him with our biggest clichés

Today John Major will win the Commons vote on British payments to the European Union. He will win it easily. This will surprise nobody in the media. Within minutes we will switch from shouting "Fire!" to shouting "Hoax!"

The clichés will roll: "It was always inevitable . . .", "Home and dry before he started . . .", "Conservative backbench turkeys were never likely to vote for Christmas" . . .

Oh no, we never took this thing seriously. Yet we had talked it up so. All at once you will learn — what Peter Riddell has been saying for days and which everyone else will say tomorrow they knew all along — that the fight we had billed as some kind of "last ditch" or "High Noon", at which a "desperate Prime Minister" who was "fighting for political survival" and with his authority "gravely weakened" — that this was "never going to be" the big one.

We, the press, have accorded Major so many *High Noons*. We have observed oh-so often the "last threads of his authority" being "finally stripped away", and located him in such a variety of last ditches, playing his "last card" at a very veritable string of "eleventh hours" over the past four years. Now, only a tin-eared disregard for the consistency of our own metaphors will permit us to dress him hastily in yet a few more last tatters of authority — to be finally stripped away yet again, at the next last ditch, playing another last card at some eleventh hour to a higher yet noon.

Fear not, we have the tin ears. Like the Sorcerer's Apprentice, our magic will just keep spinning noons, cards, ditches and tatters of authority until the crack of doom — or until he goes.

I am sick to the teeth of defending John Major. There is nothing I want from him. I have no wish to return to Conservative politics. I hate to be a bore, I am horrified at the thought of appearing to be a Tory toad — and I have never for a moment thought that this Prime Minister was some kind of a cross between Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Angel Gabriel. He can be perfectly dreadful at times.

But so sure am I that he is much, much better than it is fashionable to say, and so exasperated am I by Britain's current habit of blocking our eyes to the howling uncertainties about this Labour Party's chances of taking us anywhere but into sweet oblivion, that . . . well, here goes again.

Could we examine, just for a moment, that phrase "suicide pact"? It has lent a patina of panic to the whole affair. But all Kenneth Clarke really said was that the whole Cabinet sees this European vote as vital. The rest follows, and must. There are implicit Cabinet suicide pacts attached to any critical vote on any vital part of any government's policy. It is almost a definition of collective Cabinet responsibility. It is so obvious it rarely needs to be said.

It needed to be said this time because a few Conservative rebels were using the press to say otherwise. They would. They are in the business of persuading doubters that it is safe to rebel. They were whispering that the threat of an election was empty — why, you could just pick a new PM and carry on.

This was rubbish, as we, the press would have been the first to shriek had the vote been lost. Major judged it best to forestall these rumours and say so at the beginning. Clarke made the statement. Thwarted in its hopes of reporting a Cabinet split, the press then started berating Major for an undignified kamikaze posture, and pronounced him "panic-stricken".

> The press has not just been reporting: it has smelt blood and gone out hunting

But then we had called him panic-stricken weeks ago, when he said that a general election would follow defeat in the division lobbies. We said that was hysterical. What we did not say was that after such a defeat, it would be we, the media, who would be screaming the roof down for an election. Of course we would! We would have said it was unthinkable to carry on; but Major said so first, so we switched tactics and accused him of raising the stakes in an unnecessary and heavy-handed way.

Yet he had to. Eurosceptics were soon to begin hinting that defeat would be a useful "warning shot across the bows" on Europe: one which would jog the Cabinet without destroying the Government. The whispers would have worked, backbench conscripts would have signed up publicly to the revolt, and the press would have reported the whips' arithmetic.

We would then ourselves have put it to him that this must be a "confidence" issue. If he had disagreed, we would have called him a constitutional cheat. If he had agreed, we would have reported that he was panicking at the eleventh hour. By then, he would have been.

I think sections of the press have come uncomfortably close to orchestrating rather than reporting over the past two weeks. We shall do it to Mr Blair, too, if he wins. There really is a feeling of the hunt among political journalists at present, and blood-lust is seldom assuaged by the first kill.

As General de Gaulle remarked on seeing California: "I have the feeling that all this is going to end very badly."

Without a referendum, people will simply not accept the legitimacy of a European superstate

Major must answer to Britain, not Brussels

A leader who will not face the central issue of his time is a leader who is doomed. The central issue of British politics in the mid 1990s is whether the European Community is to be converted from an association of independent nations — which it still barely is — into a single state under German predominance. This is now the policy of the German government under Chancellor Kohl. It is also the policy of the European Commission in Brussels and of the Europeanists in all the European governments. If Jacques Delors should become President of France, then it will be the policy of France too. The questions for Britain are entirely simple: should Britain oppose the creation of this single European state; and if such opposition is unsuccessful, should we be prepared to retain our independence by withdrawing from the union that is established?

The Prime Minister, and the leading members of his Government, believe that it is possible to sit on this fence. They profess to be opposed to the creation of a single European state, but all their actions suggest that they regard it as a necessity. Although both in British and in German law the Maastricht treaty did not involve the ultimate transfer of power, that treaty was a giant step towards a single European state. Today, the Government is forcing through a large increase in European funding, at a time when it is rightly cutting its own expenditure, without even the promise of a reduction in the massive frauds. To push this through the House of Commons, ministers threaten a dissolution of Parliament. These are not the actions of a Government which will resist the Euro-federalist momentum. The Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, has repeatedly said that the argument in Europe is now going Britain's way. Plainly he has been proved wrong.

In theory, the Conservative Party is not altogether divided on Europe. There are a few Euro-sceptics who would withdraw from the Community regardless of any future developments; that is Teddy Taylor's position. There are a few Euro-federalists who want a single European state and share Chancellor Kohl's ambitions; that is now Ted Heath's position, though it was not so when he was Prime Minister, 20 years ago. More than 90 per cent of the Conservative Party in Parliament wants, or professes to want, Britain to co-operate fully in a Europe of independent states, while opposing the creation of a single European state and a single European government.

The real difference is one not of professions but of practice. In practice, the Government has accepted a continued slide towards the German policy, not because it wants to accept it, but because it has lacked the will to resist. Each negotiation has been a movement towards the single European state; Britain has settled for some slight compromises, but our concessions have been measured in yards and the compromises in our favour have been measured in inches. Although the senior members of the Government profess to be opposed to the creation of a single European state, their actions suggest that they think such a state is either desirable or inevitable.

This defeatism is quite out of touch with opinion in the country. The majority of British people do not want to transfer their government from London to Brussels; even less do they want to be governed by a Brussels which they regard as under the thumb of Germany. This belief in the ultimate value of British independence is particularly strong in the Conservative constituency associations. Central Office is very ill-advised to raise the issue of the deselection of Members; Conservative associations are already choosing Euro-sceptics to fight their seats at the next election. If anyone is to be deselected, it is more likely to be the Euro-federalists. As many of the associations see it, the issue is one of patriotism: do you believe in an independent democratic Britain, or that Britain's future is as a subordinate state in a bureaucratic European Union? The reason people despise this Government, as so many lifelong Conservative voters do, is that the Government seems unable to make up its mind on such a simple yet fundamental issue.

William Rees-Mogg

Yesterday, Sir James Goldsmith put more pressure on this bewildered administration by his announcement on *Breakfast with Frost* that he would finance a pro-referendum party at the next general election unless the Government committed itself to a referendum on the outcome of the 1996 European negotiations. He has piled the faggots, but he has not yet lit the bonfire. This new party will come into being only if the Government refuses to promise a referendum. That, of course, would be an act of treacherous presumption, but a Government which refused a referendum on Maastricht cannot be trusted to have a referendum on any constitutional change, however fundamental, which might come out of 1996. If such a pro-referendum party had contested the European elections last May, the Conservatives might have been reduced to fewer than ten seats.

The referendum commitment is essential for three reasons. The first is that the British people should not be deprived of their freedom against their will. We have the right to a say in how our lives, jobs, laws and property are disposed of. If all these are to be given over to a new European government, it should not be without our consent.

The second is that such a transfer of sovereignty without consent would not produce a corresponding transfer of allegiance. The other Europeans should understand this. Unless Britain approves the new constitution of Europe after 1996 by a referendum, large numbers of British people will feel no obligation to the new constitution, even though it may have been voted by both Houses of Parliament. If a majority of us had no wish to be there, we should only become a poison pill in the new Europe.

The third reason for a referendum is that it would force a Government which hardly anyone trusts to negotiate terms which would allow the referendum to be won. Such a negotiation would be very different from those we have seen in the past. The easy fudge, the concealed retreat, the blurred phrase, the defeat presented as a victory — all the arts by which the cause of Euro-federalism has been advanced would become much more difficult. Negotiations themselves would then be part of the debate; the gold standard of the negotiation would be the hunger for independence which lies at the heart of our British national experience.

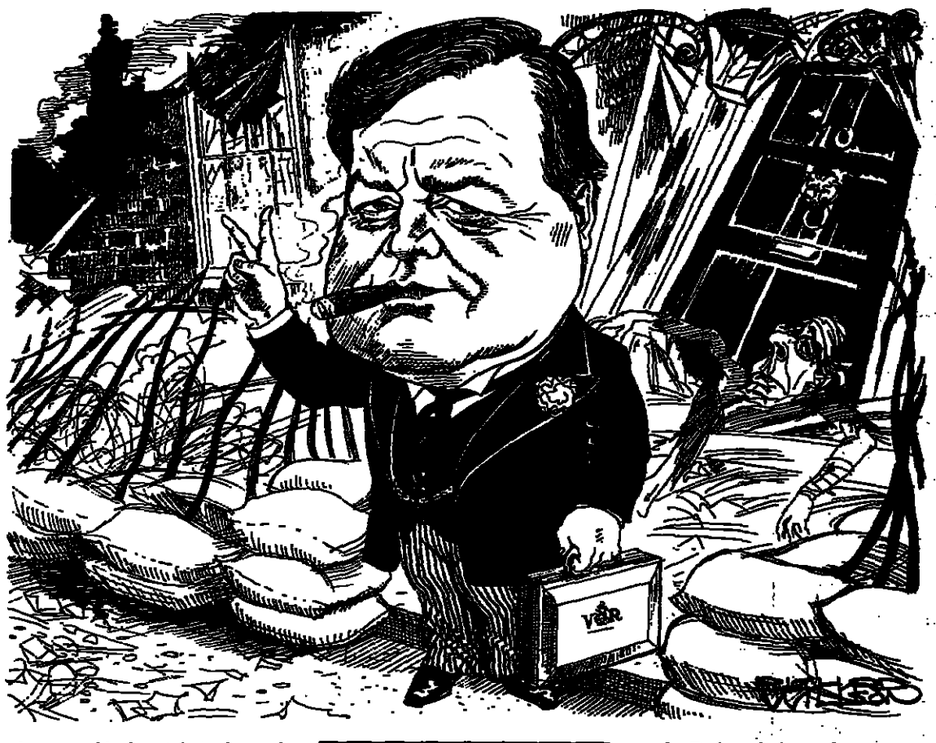
Today, no doubt, the Government will survive. No British administration for two centuries has been so accustomed to scrambling through ditches, emerging like a smelly old dog fox, to be hunted another day. There may or may not be a challenge to the Prime Minister. That will be another day, another ditch. These are not the real problems. The real problem is that Brussels and Germany have decided that Britain should give up its independence, the British people do not want to give it up, and ministers cannot make up their minds whether they are more afraid of the British people or the Brussels machine. We shall have to teach them.

The British people are the ultimate power in British democracy. The first step to winning back their confidence is for the Government to commit itself to a referendum on the outcome of the 1996 negotiation, including the issue of a single currency. The Labour Party could hardly refuse to honour such a commitment, should it come to power during the negotiations. It could not afford to appear less democratic than the Tories.

Yet of course a referendum commitment would be only a first step. The weakness of John Major's leadership is that he lacks any clear vision, and that lack offsets all his other qualities. Chancellor Kohl knows what sort of Europe he wants in the future: a United States of Europe under German leadership. Jimmy Goldsmith knows what sort of Europe he wants: a co-operative Europe of independent states. John Major talks Goldsmith and acts Kohl. Unless he is prepared to fight for the British view, the big bad wolf in Berlin and the insidious little mice in Brussels will gobble him all up. And us with him.

Stand forward, Mr Clarke

The Budget will highlight the worsening plight of the unskilled, says **Peter Riddell**



Kenneth Clarke's most important speech this week should be tomorrow, not this afternoon. But so mesmerised have we all become with the turmoil inside the Tory party that the imminence of the Budget has received less attention than usual. Yet assuming the minefield of tonight's vote is crossed, following hints about tougher action against European fraud and a possible referendum on European issues, Mr Clarke's Budget may have the greater impact. It could affect both the short-term morale of Tory MPs, including the chances of a leadership challenge by Wednesday's deadline, and the party's prospects of saving the next election.

Not that the Budget decisions on spending and taxes are likely to mark a change of direction. Mr Clarke will be able to bask in a favourable economic climate. As Norman Lamont argued on this page on Friday, there is a strong case for a consolidation Budget. The strategy was put in place by Mr Lamont and Mr Clarke in the two Budgets last year. Taxes are being increased — with a second big rise due next April — and public spending is being held down so that public borrowing can be reduced. The pace of the economic recovery — 4 per cent over the past year — and lower than expected inflation have accelerated this process. This should mean that public spending and borrowing next year are each several billion pounds below existing projections.

The immediate question is whether the economy is growing too fast too quickly. If anything, there may be a case for tightening fiscal policy now, and definitely no premature tax cuts. Interest rates have already been raised once, and look certain to rise again shortly. The Government might prefer a slower recovery, which can be sustained through 1996, to a spurt of rapid growth which forces a much tighter squeeze and much higher interest rates before the election.

Yet Tory MPs want much more than a safety-first Budget, with hints of tax cuts to come. Mr Clarke will want to repeat the success of his Budget speech last year, at least as a piece of theatre, with the odd surprise. Measures to assist small businesses, to reduce work disincentives and to help working mothers with childcare have been tipped, together possibly with tax relief to encourage training. Some of this sounds remarkably like Labour's shadow Budget, with elements of the Liberal Democrat plans. Mr Clarke is unashamed about stealing Gordon Brown's clothes.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Indeed, since there are tight constraints on any government's freedom of manoeuvre in monetary and fiscal policy, the political debate has shifted to micro-economic measures to boost employment.

The scope of these schemes differs considerably, but Government and Opposition are focusing on the same problem of big changes in the labour market over the past decade. This was addressed in a largely unreported lecture ten days ago, which highlighted "probably the single most significant social change affecting the UK and most other Western countries. That phenomenon is not the ageing of the population. Nor the breakdown of the family. Nor the increasing proportion of women at work. Rather, it is a phenomenon which is still largely unrecognised: the growing dispersion of earnings power." These remarks about the widening of income difference were not made a member of the shadow Cabinet, but by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, who is one of the most thoughtful members of the Cabinet.

For most of the century, earnings differentials between skilled and unskilled workers were narrowing, but Mr Lilley noted that they have widened since the 1970s throughout the industrialised world. "The earning power of brawn has fallen behind that of brain." As well as the possible impact of computer technology, he suggested that the growth of international trade, notably the shift of labour-intensive manufacturing such as textiles to developing countries, must be a factor in the falling relative demand for unskilled labour and widening differences in pay.

A recent analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies noted the abandonment of formal incomes policies. The result has been to increase unemployment among the unskilled. This, in turn, has aggravated many social problems.

A wide range of solutions has been canvassed. Sir James Goldsmith and a rainbow coalition of the populist Right and environmentalists favour protection, but that invariably reduces living standards. Labour favours a minimum wage, not just to outlaw low wages but to "underpin the benefit system and to help provide new incentives for the unemployed to take jobs at decent wages". Mr Lilley argues that a minimum wage would destroy jobs among unskilled workers. Tories emphasise instead the reduction of regulations and official costs, which discourage employers from hiring staff.

In other respects, however, Mr Lilley's solutions are remarkably similar to those in Labour's shadow Budget: encouraging people looking for jobs to acquire skills and training, and assisting the unemployed back into work using various incentives. The unemployment trap, the overlap between benefit levels and unskilled wage levels, defies simple solutions. Existing benefits cannot be reduced, yet benefits are withdrawn when people start earning. Both parties have produced piecemeal solutions to cut the disincentives of those who obtain jobs, by offering various in-work benefits.

Tories and Labour argue vigorously about the effectiveness of their solutions in raising skills and reducing long-term unemployment. There is no consensus here. What is more striking, though, is that all parties are focusing on the same problem. No government can reverse the declining demand for unskilled labour. The debate is about how to alleviate the consequences. That is more important in the long term than more familiar arguments about income-tax rates, or even Britain's contributions to the European budget.

Hunt is on

CURTAINS are twitching in the sleepy lanes of Dorset. Lady Thatcher has been trailing the highways and byways with Sir Denis in tow.

A number of sightings around Sherborne in recent weeks have fuelled speculation that the former PM is house-hunting in the area. Last week she was spotted cruising the countryside in a maroon Rover. And spectators at a rugby match at Sherborne School were intrigued to be joined on the touchline by Denis.

Although he used to referee matches in his younger days, and is a passionate believer in the importance of sport in education, he is not especially keen on rugby. "He has no connection with Sherborne, nor their opponents. Downside," says one who was there. "You could understand it if he went to see his old school. Mill Hill, but I can't see why he would venture 100 miles into deepest Dorset to watch an obscure match."

The area where the Thatchers have been spied, close to the Somerset border, is well served by golf-courses.

The couple currently live in Chester Square, Belgravia, and are believed to want a rural retreat in case Margaret decides to relax her heavy schedule. Since she left the Commons they are understood to have looked at properties in Leicestershire, the New Forest and even Sir Edward Heath's own Salisbury, but found nothing suitable.

So great is the interest in Thatcher sightings in Sherborne that a local paper has set up a special hotline. "It's becoming a spectator sport in itself," says one bemused observer.



DIARY

Off the map

WHETHER or not he decides to be a stalking-horse candidate, Norman Lamont may have a vested interest in provoking a general election. An early poll would be fought on the current parliamentary map, but under future Boundary Commission changes the former Chancellor's true blue seat of Kingston upon Thames will disappear.

Selection committees are not falling over themselves to snap up Lamont, but, with a comfortable majority of 10,153 to defend, he could hope to be returned again by the burghers of Kingston.

"Let's see — 51.6 per cent for Norman, Lib Dems at 26.3%, Labour 19.3% at the last election. And the Labour vote came up quite a lot. Not bad, not bad at all," muses a senior Tory colleague. "If there were an election, Norman would appear to be fairly certain of holding his seat."

My Lord!

THE UNCERTAINTY over Lord James Douglas-Hamilton's ability to vote tonight on the EU budget is causing great confusion within the breast of Teresa Gorman. For that womanly arch-sceptic rates the Scottish Office minister, in limbo between the Upper and Lower Houses, the sexiest man in Westminster.

The right-wing MP confesses she frequently puts down questions for the Scottish Office "just so he can stand up and answer them. I would miss him dreadfully if he were elevated to the Lords."

● *Sir Christopher Bland, former chairman of LWT, has a new interest. He is moving from his present home in Hampshire to a stud-farm 20 miles away. And the new owner of the Bland home will get an unexpected bonus. "The house has a secret room," explains Lady Bland. "When we first moved here, it took me weeks to work out that the number of windows and the number of rooms didn't match. Then I found a sealed room."*

Get rhythm

IT IS some time since Yehudi Menuhin jumped around in an inner-city playground and tucked into a school dinner. But last week he did just that.

He spent Friday afternoon at Oxford Gardens Primary School in Ladbroke Grove, west London, where he listened to pupils singing a selection of folk songs. He is director of the Voices Foundation, which is supported by the International Menuhin Association and aims to show that music helps children's confidence and general academic performance. He led youngsters in a number of exuberant musical games.



Jumping for joy: Lord Menhuin and Ladbroke Grove pupils

Head teacher Liz Rayment-Pickard was determined that Lord Menuhin should not be given any preferential treatment. "He was here on an ordinary school day, and he got the entire inner-city experience," she says. "For lunch he had the salad from the school dinner menu."

P·H·S

HEADS AND HEARTS

A week for serious political choices to be made

Pity the poor Conservative backbenchers. Insulted and mightily provoked by their own leaders, they will be dragooned into the aye lobby tonight. They will be forced to give their votes whatever their better instincts about the European budget, the behaviour of the Cabinet or their very purpose in being a Tory MP at all. It would be hardly surprising if some felt tempted, once the vote was cast, to take revenge on their weak but vindictive Prime Minsiter.

Tonight's European Community (Finance) Bill increases Britain's contribution to the EU in line with the agreement reached at the Edinburgh summit in 1992. At the time, we praised this as a good deal for Britain. We still believe it to have been so. But, despite John Major's claims, it is not a treaty obligation, nor would its amendment or defeat prevent the Government from going about its financial business. This should never have been a matter of confidence. Yet a "confidence issue" it is.

After a week of threats and "suicide pacts", few Conservative MPs feel strongly enough about it to risk forcing a general election in which their party would be hammered. Since those who fail to support the bill will lose the party whip and, with it, the opportunity to support a leadership challenge on Wednesday, there is an even greater chance that the Bill will win its second reading.

The cost, however, has been high. The Prime Minister and his colleague, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, have now angered not just the Euro-sceptics but MPs across a wide range of parliamentary opinion. If dictatorial tactics have made the Prime Minister's survival tonight more likely, they have focussed all the sharper attention on his fundamental flaw. If a strong leader has purpose, he can do as strong leaders do. If a weak leader behaves like a strong one, he shows his weakness alone.

Only 34 MPs' signatures are needed for a leadership election to be called. Probably well over 100 are angry and disaffected enough to contemplate signing. But it is a big step between being thoroughly dissatisfied with Mr Major and attempting to unseat him. MPs still have to ask themselves what it would achieve. What are the choices for succession? What are the chances of the chosen leader succeeding? In the final analysis, their hearts would have to play as big a role as their heads.

Michael Portillo has powerful qualities of leadership: he could be relied upon to face the issues set out with customary brio by William Rees-Mogg on the opposite page. True, he would be more electable with more experience: if prudence were his watchword, he could wait until the Tories had been defeated before making a challenge. Many of his supporters would prefer him to bide his time on the grounds that he who wields the dagger loses the crown. But that much-trumpeted dogma is not an iron rule: "seize the moment" has its own good pedigree. If Mr Portillo were to launch his own candidacy tonight after the European vote had been won, the battle to lead the Tory pary would be out in the open.

More likely, however, if there is to be a contest, a stalking horse will be offered behind whom would walk the figures of Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke, Mr Portillo and maybe others. MPs would then have multiple choices, ranging from "who will best save my party?" to "who will best save my seat?". A common calculation would be that either Mr Clarke or Mr Heseltine would probably outperform the current leader electorally. To Euro-sceptics, however, Mr Clarke is the most unacceptable of all. Mr Heseltine, perhaps at some stage with Mr Portillo's help, might be better. But he would have to show a rapid and convincing conversion in key areas.

If backbenchers are thinking dreamily about Mr Heseltine's electoral appeal, they are still, however, left without a sure means of achieving a change of leadership. There is no stalking horse outside the Cabinet strong enough to be certain of taking Mr Major to a second ballot. Neither Mr Clarke nor Mr Heseltine is likely to resign from the Cabinet in order to challenge the Prime Minister. The only hope would be that, after a first ballot, Mr Major would feel impelled to stand down as a matter of honour. More likely, he would limp into next year, weaker than ever, but still in Downing Street.

So it is no surprise that Tory MPs are wrestling with their consciences. Disillusioned as they may be with Mr Major, they either fear the alternatives or do not see how a challenger could be installed. The wholly rational will refrain from putting their names to a challenge on Wednesday. But rationalism is a famously inadequate definition of Conservative politics.

A FRIEND'S ENEMY

London is too welcoming to fundamentalist plotters

Britain's decision to refuse political asylum to Muhammad al-Massari, a dissident Saudi physicist whose denunciations of the Saudi royal family have strained relations between London and Riyadh, underlines growing concern over the attraction of London as a haven for Muslim fundamentalists. Radical activists, it is feared, are seeking the shelter of liberal British asylum laws in order to plot the downfall of governments whose survival is seen as vital for peace in the Middle East. Britain is increasinly now forced to make the uncomfortable choice between perceived self-interest and liberal tradition. In this case it has chosen the former.

During the Cold War the men and women seeking sanctuary in Western capitals tended to be those fleeing communist oppression. Lone opponents of totalitarian systems, they were encouraged on arrival to continue, in exile, their fight for human rights, democracy and Western values. If their presence here angered Moscow or Prague, so much the better: they voiced a general disgust that could not be couched in diplomatic language.

Dissidents also arrived fleeing other tyrannies: dictatorships in Africa, military regimes in Latin America, the mullahs in Iran. But the general welcome for human rights champions has also encouraged those with a very different agenda: zealots who mask extremism with Western dress and elegant English, men who are the brains behind terrorism and do not shrink from advocating violence in their home countries. France — once the place of exile for Ho Chi Minh — used to be a more natural haven. But Charles Pasqua's crackdown on Islamic radicalism, spurred by the panic in Paris at the mayhem in Algeria, has made London the better alternative.

The outcry from Britain's friends abroad has been loud. Tunisia, where the government is struggling to maintain a secular, Western-orientated society, was furious that asylum was granted to Rashid Ghannoushi, the leader of the banned al-Nahda party who has been accused of masterminding a bomb attack that killed British tourists. Turkey has repeatedly called on the government to ban the murderous PKK organisation. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has lobbied John Major and Douglas Hurd to curb Dr al-Massari.

Britain, where Karl Marx made his home and which in the past has harboured anarchists, nihilists and others whose views were equally anathema, would be harming a long-standing principle if liberty were made subject to political whim. The Foreign Office and MI5 already have a large say, especially in sensitive cases. But a better balance has to be struck. Dr al-Massari's claims of corruption in the House of Saud may be well founded; but to give a permanent home to a man who appears so intent on harming Saudi and British interests would be a mistake.

OLD HAT

The decision to retain policemen's helmets is welcome

The reprieve granted to the old-fashioned policeman's helmet by Scotland Yard is a welcome victory for traditionalism over the modern impulse to sweep away all that is familiar. It is right that the police service's uniform and equipment are being updated to take account of its changing role. Next year, for instance, tunic jackets will be replaced in London by more convenient clothing such as pullovers. But, as we report today, Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has wisely decided that the Victorian helmet will survive.

His decision is perfectly rational. The hard rabbit-skin helmet, based on a Prussian design of the mid-19th century, remains an efficient and visually distinctive means of protection for the policeman on the beat. But Sir Paul's preservation order can be defended on broader grounds. It is often said that the British are a nation of compulsive nostalgists. Yet in the postwar years we seem to have become just the opposite, nervously apologetic about our traditions and eager to abolish them.

To celebrate the minor icons of everyday British life — red pillar boxes, black cabs, old-fashioned telephone boxes — is to risk being called a reactionary. Modernisation to improve the lot of ordinary citizens has become confused with modernisation for its own sake. Most Britons, for instance, find the telephone kiosks which have been introduced in the last decade noisy and unsightly. That has not stopped their spread across the country. Trams were once the most civilised form of public transport available to ordinary people; that did not stop them being sacrificed on the altar of modernity.

Visitors to this country have often mocked its traditional practices, and in an age of increasing integration with the Continent our sensitivity to such criticisms seems to be growing. Yet the envy which British traditions sometimes inspire should not be forgotten. No observer of this country has been fiercer in his attack on its flummery and ceremony than the 19th Century writer Alexander Herzen, who mercilessly satirised "the comicality of the medieval *mise-en-scène*" which he encountered in a British court. Yet even Herzen admitted that the appearance of the British constable was uniquely reassuring — in contrast to the alarming sight of a Russian policeman which he compared to a tile falling on one's head. Thanks to an enlightened decision by Sir Paul, the British public will be spared this rude sensation a little longer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Decision day for the Euro-sceptics

From Mr David Martin, MP for Portsmouth South (Conservative)

Sir, The Foreign Secretary's public softening of the Government's line on referendums (report, November 26) is timely and welcome.

It is politically inconceivable that any government would be able to commit this country to a single European currency with any risk of having to use the dragooning tactics to drive it through Parliament as employed for the comparatively minuscule European Communities (Finance) Bill.

For the unequivocal public acceptance of the decision required there would plainly need to be endorsement both by Parliament and through a referendum. In my view, after experiencing day by day the bruising party and parliamentary struggles over Maastricht, the same applies to the outcome of the next inter-governmental conference, should significant proposals emerge for further European integration and transfer of powers to the European Union. What the question or questions would be on this could naturally not be settled until the outcome of the IGC is known.

It would immeasurably help the political atmosphere inside and outside Parliament if the Prime Minister could make a clear statement of policy on these vital matters as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MARTIN,
House of Commons,
November 26.

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, Writing as an ex-MP (1951-87), neither a Euro-fanatic nor a Euro-sceptic but an individual who has long realised it is in Britain's best interests to establish close economic, political and military ties with our continental neighbours, I should certainly be voting for HMG's Bill on Monday if only because I believe we would lose all credibility everywhere if we were to renege on a quite specific undertaking by the Prime Minister in Edinburgh.

Yet I still feel able highly to commend your critical analysis of the present sorry situation at Westminster (leader, November 24). For I am quite convinced that, even without going to the brink of a perilous chasm, the Prime Minister would anyhow have won the day.

Lord Callaghan's well remembered remark that turkeys do not vote for an early Christmas applies both to the leader of a flock and his followers. The latter all know perfectly well that if there were an election now, their party would lose disastrously. Mr Major knows this too; he would not even survive as Leader of the Opposition if he were then held, inevitably, responsible for the resultant disaster.

Between now and 1997 there will certainly be more serious clashes between Tory factions that disagree implacably on a number of important issues. Mr Major has played his trump card too early: a card that can anyhow only be played safely once in a lifetime of a government.

He has also handed to the rebels a future hostage to fortune. The next time round *they* will be able to put him in an indeed difficult position. By threatening beforehand that if he does not yield to their demands they will apply for the Chiltern Hundreds and seek return to Westminster via by-elections, they can force an election which will bring about the Prime Minister's resignation at a time of their choosing. For he will either have to yield to their demands or face the consequences, including his own loss of office, and a Tory defeat.

Yours etc,
FREDERIC BENNETT,
Plas Cwmllecoediog,
Aberangell, nr Machynlleth, Powys.
November 25.

From the President of the Harwich Conservative Association

Sir, It is because the British played a full part in solving European problems during the world wars that Richard O'Sullivan (letter, November 21) has been able to exercise free choice at general elections.

Were the present Government to renege upon its financial commitments to the European Union, the alleged corruption in certain other nation states would not be eliminated as a result of such action by an honest power — rather the reverse.

The current difficulties of the EU will best be resolved through the purposeful influence of the British, in peacetime as in war. That is Mr Major's responsible stance.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH REX,
President, Harwich Constituency Conservative Association,
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Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
November 23.

Crumb of comfort?

From Mrs Patricia M. Roberts

Sir, Mr J. C. Stott (letter, November 21) asks: "Has there ever been a Government more contemptuous of British interests?" Yes, indeed there have. The last Labour administration. And the one before that, and the one before that . . .

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA M. ROBERTS,
Ellon House,
Harpford, nr Sidmouth, Devon.
November 21.

Opinion polarised on virtue of changing rabies contro

From Sir Michael Newington

Sir, What a pleasure, but alas how rare, to hear a politician talking sense about rabies control. I refer to Sir Jerry Wiggin, chairman of the Agriculture Select Committee, which has at last put forward a rational alternative to the cruel and outmoded quarantine system for domestic animals (report, November 23).

We shall not I suppose have to wait long for the usual chorus of ill-informed emotive outrage, egged on by those who have a vested interest in the continuance of the system.

I hope the minister, Mr Waldegrave, will recognise that there is a considerable demand for reform: not only from people returning to the UK after living abroad for a time, but also from a growing number who resent being forbidden to take their pets with them when travelling on the Continent.

As long as quarantine was perceived as the only effective way of keeping rabies out of the country, people accepted it and and obeyed the law, however grudgingly. But it no longer is, and they won't.

Those of us who have lived abroad for years relying on the efficacy of an annual rabies shot for our pets, and who have a realistic idea of just how minute the risk of rabies entering this country is, expect an early decision, not further prevarication while the minister considers the report. And please, minister, don't use the cost as an excuse: those wishing to travel with their pets would expect to pay.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL NEWINGTON,
Inces, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex.
November 23.

From Mr Richard Hemmings

Sir, Your exhortation (leading article, "Dogged by Fear", November 19) that any system of rabies control involving vaccination must be flawless is to be welcomed and supported.

Currently it costs about £12 million a year to operate strict licensing and quarantine controls. Much of this cost is borne by the owners of animals involved. Conservative estimates for dealing with an outbreak of rabies has been put at £200 million. This would, of course, be borne by taxpayers.

Kent ports are one of the main entry points for this country. The prospect of restricting animal movements if there were an outbreak is not one which I contemplate lightly. The public needs to be satisfied that, before sweeping away the current arrangements, whatever is put in place will be as effective.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HEMMINGS
(Director of Regulatory Services),
Kent County Council,
Block D, Springfield,
Maidstone, Kent.
November 21.

From Mr Colin Jennings

Sir, Rabies is a horrible disease, but that does not mean we should base our anti-rabies regulations on primeval fears.

Under the present regulations a family dog bred in the UK, flown direct to another rabies-free country (eg, Cyprus), vaccinated regularly against various diseases (including rabies) and then flown direct to Britain has to undergo six months' quarantine.

Now that reliable alternative methods are available, I hope the Ministry of Agriculture will follow the example of the Agriculture Select Committee and base its policy on the real world.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN JENNINGS,
2 Symons Close,
Blackwater, nr Truro, Cornwall.
November 21.

From Dr G. S. Turner

Sir, The eradication of rabies in Western Europe by the oral vaccination of foxes proceeds apace, but in the first six months of this year, according to the *Rabies Bulletin Europe*, more than 4,000 cases were still recorded there. Of these, 76 per cent wildlife (mostly foxes of the species we have in Britain) and rest domestic animals, comprisin dogs, 261 cats and 421 farm anim

Successful vaccination of dom pets should be authenticated blood test. If the cost is added to th vaccination, plus the implantatio microchip for identification, than £100 per dog or cat would ably have to be considered.

Will pet owners be prepare accept that?

Yours faithfully,
G. S. TURNER,
81 Charmouth Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
November 19.

From Mr A. M. Hutson

Sir, Bats have undoubtedly flying across the Channel for m longer than we have, yet there is instance of an immigrant bat carry rabies to Britain.

General surveillance for, inter rabies in bats continues. Dr Tri Greenhalgh's statement ("Man's friend or foe?", November 22) wrong in that respect. In her refere to an odd selection of disease po tials in wild animals I would question her implications relate the "humble hedgehog".

Yours etc,
TONY HUTSON
(Conservation Officer),
The Bat Conservation Trust,
The London Ecology Centre,
45 Shelton Street, WC2.
November 24.

From Mrs Alice Harper

Sir, Call me suspicious and me spirited if you like, but how many the MPs on the Commons Select Committee on Agriculture have domes pets and holiday homes in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
ALICE HARPER,
7 Braiswick,
Colchester, Essex.
November 23.

Budget need to safeguard the poor

From Sister Pia Buxton, IBVM, President of the Conference of Religious in England and Wales, and others

Sir, Attention is needed to ensure that those enduring poverty do not bear the brunt of fiscal constraints in the Budget.

Research into the effects of 8 per cent VAT on fuel shows that people in poverty have suffered disproportionately, and the implementation of the second phase, to 17.5 per cent, in April 1995 will be crippling for many thousands of households who are already struggling to pay their bills.

The public-sector borrowing requirement was almost £5 billion less than projected (report, November 17) and is expected to decrease further. It is now economically possible for the Government to take into account the most vulnerable in our society and re-evaluate VAT on fuel.

If the second phase goes ahead the losses per week for those on means-tested benefits would be £1.25 for a single pensioner and £1.45 for a two-adult/two-children family.

Even if full compensation (costing about £1 billion) were made to all benefit recipients, those with above-average bills, the sick, the elderly and families with young children would still be worse off.

We also see daily the effects of homelessness and poor housing on family life. After a welcome increase for the last two years the housing budget is now decreasing, yet the needs of homeless people continue to increase.

The spiralling housing benefit bill is the consequence of a deregulated private rented sector rather than an increased provision of housing. The answer lies in investment in affordable rented homes, not in capping housing benefit and thereby increasing the poverty trap for the low-waged.

It is now both morally necessary and economically viable to consider those who are most vulnerable in our society and to make their interests a primary consideration in this year's Budget.

Yours etc,
M. PIA BUXTON,
President,
Conference of Religious,
PAUL GOGGINS
(Church Action on Poverty),
ROBINA RAFFERTY
(Catholic Housing Aid Society),
Conference of Religious
in England and Wales,
114 Mount Street, W1.
November 25.

U-turns on schools

From Mr David J. Woodhead

Sir, Your report (November 21) of the shadow Education Secretary's television interview suggests Labour Party "modernisation" has stopped at the buffers marked "independent schools".

Admiration for Mr David Blunkett's swift U-turn on school league tables, in that same interview and his article in your Education page, is severely qualified by his U-turn on independent schools' charitable status and confirmation of Labour's planned abolition of the increasingly successful assisted places scheme.

Labour's manifesto at the last general election was the first since 1970 to omit any threat to charitable status. Its adoption of a more hostile stance confirms suspicions that policy modernisation in some areas is to be paid for by a harder line in others.

The charitable status argument should acknowledge the finding in the most recent survey (1991) that independent schools gave away to pupils in help with fees 32 per cent more than the tax reliefs they gained. It must also recognise that tax reliefs are insignificant compared with at least £1 billion which independent-sector parents save the state education system by paying twice for education through taxes as well as school fees.

Those parents will note that a Labour government will, by abolishing charitable status, push up school fees and reduce schools' bursary and scholarship funds. By abolishing assisted places as well, it will ensure that independent schools become more socially and financially exclusive.

Mr Blunkett may feel he needs to offer a sop to the left. Most Labour voters may disagree. In this year's MORI survey of public attitudes towards independent schools, 62 per cent of Labour voters supported the assisted places scheme. This is the highest ever recorded.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. WOODHEAD
(National Director),
Independent Schools
Information Service,
56 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
November 21.

Toys and tapestries

From Mr David Gould

Sir, After long wondering if there was something hilariously odd about our society when teddy bears and worsted wool were fetching enormous sums under the hammer, I can only hope that yesterday's lack of interest in the two Steiff bears at Sotheby's (News in Brief, November 25) may show a trend in the opposite direction.

Many readers will have questioned why any nursery toy could be given such an inflated value when it looked, as it did (report and picture, November 18), as if someone might consider paying £50,000 or more for each bear.

The tapestry hangings by Morris and Company, after designs by Burne-Jones, recently sold at Christie's for £840,000 (report, November 17), exhibit another grossly inflated value. Fifty years ago they would hardly have been considered worth auctioning, their artistic value, as tapestry work, being so abysmally low.

Yours etc,
DAVID GOULD,
Highcroft,
South Woodchester, Gloucestershire.
November 25.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Season's bleatings

From Mrs Jenny Baker

Sir, The season approaches of t dreaded newsletters, those quirl missives which fall from so ma Christmas cards.

I am not sure which irritates m most — the heavy or larky style oft affected, or the excessive detail abo Aunt Maud's new hip and why one the dogs had to be put down.

But as our children grow up, g travelling, get married, have babie the brief note I used to pen to overse friends and those we have not seen f a year becomes inadequate. How do resist the temptation to follow suit – and inflict on others what I so hate receive?

Yours faithfully,
JENNY BAKER,
The Hall, Great Hallingbury,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
November 26.

Workers recede

From Mr Gerald Vinestock

Sir, In the last fortnight I have bee told by a venue with which I wa trying to book exhibition space that it work would be easier if people like m didn't phone; carpet-fitters have mea sured a room, but failed to deliver the promised estimate and sample car pets; the boiler maintenance man an a company from whom I wanted cost ings on the purchase of a caravan failed to phone back as promised; a estate agent has failed four times t return a call; the company from which I lease my photocopier has not res ponded to my query about the fate of a cheque — sent to them, but uncashed.

Is this because the recession is over? Or does this level of efficiency tell us why the recession started in the first place?

Yours faithfully,
GERALD VINESTOCK,
2 Overhead Cottages,
Capernwray, Carnforth, Lancashire.
November 18.

History lesson

From Mr J. E. Mitchell

Sir, Alice Perrers (not Peres) was the mistress of Edward III, not John of Gaunt as stated in the Diary today. If actress Jessica Martin felt John of Gaunt standing at her shoulder when she visited his "old home" he was probably trying to ask her to stay away from his father.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. MITCHELL,
Westmill, Wherwell,
Andover, Hampshire.
November 25.

A first for Hacker?

From Mr D. C. Doughty

Sir, PHS (Diary, November 21) says that no alumni of the LSE have made it to Downing Street. What about the Rt Hon James Hacker, whose distinguished tenure of No 10 gave us all so much pleasure during the 1980s?

Yours etc,
DOUGLAS C. DOUGHTY,
21 Dundale Road,
Tring, Hertfordshire.
November 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 26: The Duchess of Kent, Visitor, accompanied by The Duke of Kent, this evening attended a performance by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Gloucester Road, Hong Kong.

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Mr Nicolas Adamson were in attendance.

College of Estate Management

The President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Mr Roy Swanston, presented Diplomas in Surveying and gave an address to successful students of The College of Estate Management on Saturday. Mr Nicholas Axford received the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors prize for the most distinguished student of the year. The Chairman of the Board, Mr Stephen Burman and the College Principal, Mr Peter Goodacre each gave an address.

Mr Teddy Millington-Drake

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Teddy Millington-Drake will be held at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk, on Tuesday, November 29, at noon.

University news

Cambridge
Queens' College
Election to Bye-Fellowships from January 1, 1995:
Andrew Charles Collop and John Stuart Richer
Corpus Christi
Elected into an Honorary Fellowship in Class G of Statute 31 w.e.f. August 1, 1994: Michael William McCrum
Elected into a Fellowship in Class A of Statute 31 w.e.f. November 4, 1994: Stephen Carl Moratti
Elected into a Fellowship in Class A of Statute 31 w.e.f. January 1, 1995: Emma Fiona Wilson

Birthdays today

Mr Kriss Akabusi, athlete, 36; Miss Fiona Armstrong, broadcaster, 38; Dr Sir Gordon Beveridge, Vice-Chancellor, The Queen's University, Belfast, 61; Lady Bottomley, 88; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 67; Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist and sculptor, 70; Sir David Croom-Johnson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 80; Mr Alistair Darling, MP, 41; Mr F.C.H. du Preez, former rugby player, 59; Mr Terence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 62; Mr Tony Garrett, director of campaigning and chief agent, Conservative Central Office, 42; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, former Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, 69; Miss Enid Lakeman, former editorial consultant, Electoral Reform Society, 91; Lord Macdonald, 47; Mr Keith Miller, former cricketer, 75; General Sir David Mostyn, 66; Miss Dervla Murphy, author, 63; Sir Idris Pearce, chartered surveyor, 61; Sir Lewis Robertson, industrialist, 72; the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, former Bishop of Oxford, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Ross, 55; Sir Saxon Tate, former chairman, London FOX, 63; Mr Raymond Whitney, MP, 64.

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend the Royal Variety Performance at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, at 8.10 in aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund.

Prince Edward will attend the British Open Real Tennis Doubles Final at The Queen's Club, London, W14, at 6.30.

Reception

Old Mercers' Club
Mr Stanley Heylin, President of the Old Mercers' Club, and Mrs Heylin welcomed Old Mercers and their guests at a reception held on Saturday at the Order of St John, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

Dinner

English-Speaking Union
Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, President of the Taunton and District branch of the English-Speaking Union, was the guest speaker at the annual American Thanksgiving dinner held on Saturday at Taunton School. Mrs Cherry Martin, branch chairman, presided. Mrs Bea Roberts also spoke.

GAETAN COTTON



Jonathan Hart married Catherine Egan, elder daughter of Sir John and Lady Egan, at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, on Saturday. The honeymoon will be spent in the Lake District and Scotland

Vicar seeks funds to save Burns's church

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

THE vicar of the church where Robert Burns is buried is appealing to admirers of the poet worldwide to raise money for urgent repairs.

St Michael's Church in Dumfries closed its doors three weeks ago after a survey showed that the spire was dangerously close to collapse.

The building has been in need of restoration for over a decade but Historic Scotland, the government agency which has a duty to carry out the repairs, has yet to come up with the funds.

The congregation is now forced to meet in the chapel of a nearby psychiatric hospital but the minister of St Michael's, the Rev John Pagan, is concerned that if the church is not repaired soon the six-foot weathervane could fall through the roof.

He also wants to ensure that the church is open for the bicentenary of Burns's death in 1996. Mr Pagan says: "We had a video survey carried out which suggests that much of the tower will have to be dismantled, the stones numbered and the tower reassembled. The church is in too dangerous a state of repair to use at present."

A decade ago the repairs would have cost just £50,000 but now £500,000 is needed. Help has been pledged by the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis in the US. The society, which has close links with St Michael's, hopes to raise about £200,000 for the church. It is alerting other Burns Societies in North America to the church's plight.

St Michael's is considered one of the most important churches in the south of Scotland. The present building was constructed in 1744 to 1746, although there has been a church on the site since early Christian times.

Legend has it that Bonny Prince Charlie stopped in Dumfries on the way to the battle of Culloden, just as the roof of St Michael's was being built. Short of ammunition, he asked for lead from the church roof for bullets which were used in the calamitous battle.



Burns: wit was often directed at parsons

Burns worshipped at St Michael's occasionally after he came to live in Dumfries in 1791. Although some of his most entertaining poems are directed against the parsons of the day, he found one, a Mr Burnside, who he was prepared to listen to.

When Burns died in 1796, of heart failure, he was given a military funeral. He had been a member of the Dumfries Volunteers which had led him to quip that he did not want them firing a volley over his coffin as they would probably kill him.

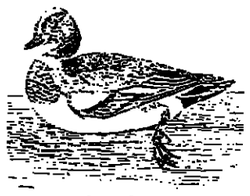
Jean Armour, Burns's wife, who was not quite 30, was in labour with her ninth child on the day that her husband was buried. She continued to worship at St Michael's for a further 37 years and lies buried with her husband.

Nature notes

YOUNG great crested grebes are now as large as their parents, but still pursue them across the water piping loudly in the hope of being fed. On rivers, coots defend their stretch of territory by trying to hold a rival's head under the water and drown him. The intruder may make his escape by swimming away underwater and coming up further along the river. There are many more coots in Britain now the winter immigrants from the Continent have arrived.

Another widespread visitor from the Continent is the wigeon, a dapper duck that often grazes on the grass at the edge of the water. The drake has a red head with a mustard-coloured patch above its beak, and gives a frequent, cheerful whistle.

Birch trees, sallows and maples are still sprinkled with bright yellow leaves. Under the crack willow trees, the fallen leaves form a purple mat. Many weeping willows are still quite green. White dead-nettle goes on flowering: late bees go through the lips of the flower head and deep into its throat in search of nectar. Frogs are still active, but when it turns colder will find a well-oxygenated pond and hibernate in the mud at the bottom. DJM



The wigeon

The New Times Nature Diary by Derwent May, based on a year's Nature Notes by DJM and beautifully illustrated by Richard Blake, is published by Robson Books at £10.95.

Preserved brains found in medieval graves

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FIFTEEN human brains have been discovered preserved inside skulls in medieval graves in Hull. The brains may still contain DNA and give evidence of afflictions such as Alzheimer's disease in the 15th century.

Dr Don Brothwell of York University said: "The big question is how they survived when the body tissues have long gone. When the first one turned up we thought it might have been due to rapid cooling after death, but now we have at least 15.

"Brain tissue decomposes very rapidly, even in a modern mortuary," said Sonia O'Connor of the York Archaeological Trust, which is conserving the remains, "but with some of these you can still see the lobes and convolutions, and the brain is springy to the touch."

Some of the brains are still creamy in colour, although most are now orange or red, and one, Mrs O'Connor said, "looks just like a big black truffle". Preservation was due partly to waterlogging of the site, a monastery demolished by Henry VIII, and partly to the high fat content of human brain tissue.

Now in the centre of Hull, the site is being used for a new magistrates' court, and David Evans's excavations have uncovered the foundations of the Augustinian church. The graves were not those of monks, however, but of local residents.

The world's oldest brains were found some years ago in Florida, in a deep water-filled cavern. Five brains were recovered, from Native Americans who died some 8,000 years ago. More recently, ancient brain tissue has been recovered in Sweden and Holland. Because they rarely retain their distinctive structure, brains may have often been mistaken for mud in the skull, Mrs O'Connor said.

Marriages

Mr J.D. Hart
and Miss C.L. Egan
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, of Mr Jonathan Hart, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Hart, of Barnt Green, Worcestershire, to Miss Catherine Egan, elder daughter of Sir John and Lady Egan, of Warwick. The Rev Andrew Gorham officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Lydia Egan. Mr Jonathan Pearce was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in the Lake District and Scotland.

Mr R.R.J. Burns
and Miss C.O. Bryson
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 26, 1994, at Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, of Richard, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs R.K.M. Burns, of Glenisla, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G.S. Bryson, of Edinburgh.

Mr N.W.M. Edmonstone
and Miss A.C. Johnsen
A service of blessing was held on Saturday, November 26, 1994, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Shalden, after the marriage of Mr Nicholas Edmonstone, son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, Bt, of Duntreath Castle, Blanefield, Stirlingshire, and Mrs Bingham Hartley, of London, SW1, to Miss Arabella Johnsen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Johnsen, of Shalden Manor, Shalden, Hampshire.

Herr J. Walther
and Dr C. Brooke
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 16, at St Mary the Less, St John's College Chapel, Durham University, of Herr Jörg Walther, of Giessen, Germany, to Dr Carole Brooke. Canon R. Lewis officiated.

The bride was attended by Susan and Joy Metcalf, Nicholas and James Patmore and Nicola Duncan. Herr Udo Schmiedel was best man and Mrs Jane Finnis best woman.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.J. Gaitskell
and Miss S.R. Marler
The engagement is announced between Richard Jeremy, elder son of the late Mr Anthony Gaitskell and of Mrs Patricia Gaitskell, of Dulwich, London, and Serena Rose, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Marler, of Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.L. Kewfi
and Miss S.J. Sloan
The engagement is announced between Ali, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Kewfi, of Croydon, Surrey, and Stephanie, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs H.M. Sloan, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr M.E. Platt
and Miss H.C. Sanderson
The engagement is announced between Michael Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs T.B. Platt, of Preston, Lancashire, and Helen Claire, second daughter of Professor and Mrs A.R. Sanderson, of Ashurstwood, West Sussex.

Mr A.W. Robinson
and Miss D. Sather
The engagement is announced between Adam, only son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Robinson, of Hamble, Hampshire, and Dana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Sather, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.

Mr D.A. Stevens
and Miss L. Papandreou
The engagement is announced between David Averell, son of Mr and Mrs George Stevens, Jr, of Washington DC, and Lina, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Papandreou, of Athens, Greece.

Monmouth School

The Governors of Monmouth School announce the appointment of Mr Timothy Haynes as Headmaster from September 1995, in succession to Mr Rupert Lane as the latter becomes Head of Ridley College, Ontario. Mr Haynes is currently Surmaster of St Paul's School.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Florence, 1632; William Blake, poet, engraver and painter, London, 1757; Captain George Manby, inventor of life-saving apparatus, Denver, Norfolk, 1765; John Lloyd Stephens, archaeologist, Shrewsbury, New Jersey, 1805; William Froude, naval architect, Dartington, Devon, 1810; Friedrich Engels, co-author of the Communist Manifesto, Barmen, Germany, 1820; Anton Rubinstein, pianist and composer, Moldavia, 1829; Aleksandr Blok, poet, St Petersburg, 1880; Nancy Mitford, writer, London, 1904.

DEATHS: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Rome, 1680; Matsuo Basho, poet, Osaka, Japan, 1694; Washington Irving, writer, Tarrytown, New York, 1859; George H. Lewes, philosopher, dramatist and scientist, London, 1878; William MacDougall, psychologist, Durham, North Carolina, 1938; Dwight Davis, politician and tennis player, Washington, 1945; Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1938, Chicago, 1954; Richard Wright, novelist, Paris, 1960; Wilhelmina, Queen of The Netherlands 1890-1948, Het Loo, 1962; Havergal Brian, composer, Shoreham, Sussex, 1972; Rosalind Russell, actress, Beverley Hills, California, 1976.

The Royal Society was founded in London by Arthur Griffith, 1660. Sinn Fein was founded in Dublin, 1905.

The first Polaroid cameras went on sale in Boston, Massachusetts, 1948.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: T M Masterman - JSDC Greenwich 13.1.95; T Robotham - MoD London 19.5.95.
COMMANDER: R C Hore - Staff of ZSL/CNH 3.1.95; M Kimmons - Illustrious 19.5.95; C C Peach - MoD London 5.5.95.
Retirements
SURGEON COMMODORE (D): T J C Hall - 3.2.95
COMMANDER: R V Bennett - 11.2.95; R J Brown - 28.1.95; T J I Howard-Jones - 4.2.95.
The Army
COLONEL: J R D Andrew - to be DA Nigeria, 2.12.94; R J Coate - To MS HQ UKLF 28.11.94; J S Field - To be Comd Engr 3(UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt: 28.11.94; D R Bill - To MoD 28.11.94; M W Craig - To RPO Glasgow, 28.11.94; D W Smith - To UKSC(G), 28.11.94.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: R E H Ashley-Fletcher Gren Gds - To Staff Coll, 28.11.94; D J Clements R Anglian - To be CO 2 R Anglian, 29.11.94; N F Fisher R Signals - To MoD, 28.11.94; S E Reynolds AGC (SPS) - To be CO Bristol Univ OTC, 28.11.94; M G McAlpine RE - to be CO 25 Engr Regt, 28.11.94; J P Van Lare RAMC - To 1 Armd Fd Amb, 2.12.94.
Retirements
COLONEL: W E J Allen late RCT, 1.12.94; C H Bond (L/Brig) Late QDG: 5.12.94; P A Phelan Late R Irish, 1.12.94.
Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: C M Chambers - To HQ UKLF 28.11.94
GROUP CAPTAIN: P A Bedford - To UKMILREP 21.11.94; A C Montgomery - To HQ STC 14.11.94; A J Parsons - To RAF St Athan 18.11.94; M S Oliver - To HQ LC (Harrogate) 18.11.94.
WING COMMANDER: J H S Thomas - To RAF Brugeon 14.11.94; S Blackburn - To HQ PTC 21.11.94; J M Shackell - To Staff College Bracknell 28.11.94; P N Haffer - To HQ Afsouth 28.11.94; B J Comins - To RAF St Athan 28.11.94.

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You have heard that they were told: "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy". But what I tell you is this: "Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors". Matthew 5 : 43, 44 (REB)

BIRTHS

ARONSOHN - On November 15th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Sarah (née Jarvis) and Simon, a son, Joshua Seth.

CHADDER - On November 17th, to Lucinda, (née Boxdell), and Phillip, the blessing of a son, Daniel Thomas James.

DEN BRINKER-DARBY - On November 17th, to Melanie (née den Brinker) and Greg, a daughter, Cecily Anastasia Margaret.

JONES - On November 23rd in Bristol, to Elizabeth (née Farr) and William, a daughter, Rosanna Elizabeth, a sister for Benjamin.

MURRAY THREIPLAND - On Thursday 24th November 1994, to Tania (née Robertson) and Tim, a daughter, Jessica May, a sister for Calum.

SANDERS - On 24th November at Bath RUH, to Diane (née Byford) and Stephen a daughter Helen Sarah Mary. 6lbs 11oz.

SPEARMAN - On Novetober 25th 1994, to Elisa and Andrew, a son.

DEATHS

CARROLL - Peter, on 24th November, peacefully in his sleep, M.C.C. Member. Mass on 30th November at St Mary of the Angels Church, W11 at 1 pm. Funeral at West London Crematorium at 2.15 pm. Enquiries to John Noble Funeral Service. (081) 969-1819.

COOPER - Herbert Howard, aged 98, on 22nd November, peacefully at Moorcroft Nursing Home, Warlingham. Funeral at St Edmund's Church, Riddlesdown, on Thursday 1st December at 3pm.

DEATHS

ELLIOTT - The death has occurred of Vera Elliott, aged 86 years, wife of the late Col. Walter Elliott, O.B.E., T.D., formerly of Sheffield and latterly of Sandsend, Yorkshire. She leaves a daughter Janet, grandchildren Sarah, Samantha and Miles and great-grandchildren Lucy and Eleanor. Funeral Directors: Thomas Gresthorpe & Sons Limited, Matlock, Derbyshire. tel: (0629) 582470.

FEDRICK - On 25th November, peacefully after a short illness, Lucy, aged 84, widow of Norman Fedrick, dear mother of Kathleen, Cynthia and David, loved and loving grandmother of Matthew, Helen, Elizabeth, Mary, Lucy and Abbella. Funeral Service at Eltham Crematorium, Thursday 1st December at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Save the Children Fund c/o Welham Jones, 156 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1DJ. tel: (0732) 742400.

HODGES - On November 22nd 1994, Geoffrey William Telford, of Aymestry, Herefordshire. A dearly loved husband of Gillian and beloved father of Nicola, Jo and Beth. Funeral Service at Aymestry Church on Wednesday November 30th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Brompton Hospital and Aymestry Church c/o R.W. Mann & Son Funeral Directors, 81 West Street, Leominster. tel: (0568) 612358.

DEATHS

HOWISON - On November 24th, tragically in a road accident, James Robert Charles, aged 51, beloved husband of Sarah, loving and devoted father to Charlotte and Harriet of West Horsley, Surrey. Funeral service at Saint Mary's Church, West Horsley on 2nd December at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to: Saint Mary's Church Organ Appeal Fund, where Jimmy was on the Appeal Committee. Enquiries to James & Thomas Limited, 0483 284948

IVORY - On 12th November 1994, peacefully in Tallahassee, Florida, U.S.A., Charles Arthur, O.B.E., aged 101. Born Devon, England, 12th July 1893; Egyptian Expeditionary Force, World War I, Territorial Force until 1935, Ministry of Pensions until 1956; beloved husband of late Kathleen Ivory, née Bishop, beloved father of Dr. Peter Ivory, father-in-law of Mrs Eve Ervin Ivory of Tallahassee, grandfather of Mark, Anne & Marie Celeste. Information; his cousin, Dr. Christina Hill, Honeycroft House, Upper Basildon, Berkshire, RG8 8LP.

KILLICK - On 24th November 1994, peacefully at his home in East Sheen, Bob, aged 80, "The Listener" cryptologists remember "KICK". Beloved husband of Lillian, father of Lindy and grandpa to Rob and Tim. Cremation at Putney Vale on Tuesday 29th November at 4 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to a charity of choice.

LIGHTON - Peacefully on 26th November, Christopher aged 3 months. Much loved son of Thomas and Belinda. Funeral service on Tuesday 29 November, at 11 am, at St Peters Church, Prescott Place, Clapham, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Royal Brompton Hospital (Paediatric Fund), Sydney Street, London SW3.

SCHWEISGUTH - On November 24th in Troyes General Hospital, Georgianna Brooke (née Powell), Wife of Nicolas, mother of Jacques, Edouard and Thomas. Funeral in France. Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, on Friday 2nd December 1994 at 2.30 pm.

DEATHS

SELKIRK - On November 23rd, peacefully in hospital, The Right Hon. George Nigel, Earl of Selkirk, KT, GCVO, GBE, AFC, AE, PC, QC, aged 88. Beloved husband of Audrey. Funeral service at Saint John the Baptist Church, Berwick Saint John, Wiltshire, on 1st December at 12 noon. Family flowers only. No flowers but donations if desired to: Saint Mary's Church Organ Appeal Fund, where Jimmy was on the Appeal Committee. Enquiries to James & Thomas Limited, 0483 284948 Memorial Service in London to be announced later.

SHANNON - On the 26th November, peacefully, Charles William, beloved husband of Joyce, and father of Elizabeth and Moya. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Thursday 1st December at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

STEWART - Jean Marion died 22nd November in Cheltenham aged 84 years. Mother of Harry, Althea, Myfanwy, Joanne and Fiona and a proud grandmother. Funeral at St. Johns Church, Churchdown, Gloucester at 3.00pm on Friday 2nd December. Thanksgiving prayers at Arniston House, Midlothian at 10.30am on Monday 5th December followed by committal service at Hawthornden Cemetery, Rosewell, Midlothian at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to UNICEF or NSPCC.

TRINICK - Peacefully on 24th November, George Edward Michael, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Lanhydrock Church, on Thursday 1st December, at 10.30am followed by burial. Family, Lanhydrock Parish and close friends only. Memorial service at 2.30pm on 3rd January at Truro Cathedral. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Lanhydrock Church. Care of G.N Thomas, (Funeral Directors) West End, Bodmin, Cornwall.

DEATHS

WATSON - On November 25th, at home, Robert Charles, TD., DL., aged 88, a keen yachtsman. Beloved husband of Doreen, dear father of John, Lizzie, Charles and Sue, proud Grandpop of Jessie, Sarah, Nicola, James, Alexandra, Anna, Robert, Emily, Alice and Emma. Funeral Service at Methodist Church, Oddfellows Gate, Northwood, on Tuesday 6th December at 1pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations may be made to Sunshine Home for the Blind, Dene Road, Northwood.

WRIGHT - On 23rd November at Burrywood Medical Centre, Roy W. Wright CBE, aged 80, beloved husband of Mollie for 55 years and dearly loved father of Pamela and Joanna. Funeral private. A Memorial Service will be held in The New Year.

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OBITUARIES

ANDREW KERR

Andrew Kerr, CBE, former chief conciliation officer for the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), died on November 17 aged 76. He was born on August 28, 1918.



ANDY KERR was a natural choice for the key job of chief conciliation officer at Acas when the organisation was set up by Harold Wilson's Labour Government 20 years ago.

He had been based in Scotland for the previous two years as Scottish controller of the Department of Employment and, at the age of 56, was looking forward to retirement — probably in his native land north of the border. But the call from the office of the Employment Secretary Michael Foot, tempting him back south to work at Acas under the chairmanship of Jim Mortimer, was one he could hardly refuse.

A gentle, quietly-spoken civil servant, already immensely experienced in industrial relations, Kerr was to become very much a founder figure at the new body. Involved in almost every big industrial dispute for the next six years, he set high professional standards for his successors and is among those being remembered at Acas's 20th birthday celebrations this year.

Andrew Stevenson Kerr was born in the small Ayrshire town of Beith, the son of the owner of a local engineering works. From Spiers' coeducational school in Beith he went up to Glasgow University to read political history and economics and had his call-up deferred for a year at the start of the war to enable him to take his MA first.

In 1940, however, he was packed off to the Leicestershire Yeomanry (the posting reflecting the exigencies of war) and dispatched with an artillery battery to North Africa. He fought at El Alamein as a sergeant, consistently refusing to apply for a commission because this would probably have meant leaving the regiment. From the Western Desert he moved to Iran and Iraq before joining the Italian campaign. At the end of the war he was lecturing to troops at Perugia University.

Demobilised in 1946 Kerr entered the old Ministry of Labour in the following year — thereby setting the pattern for his whole career. Based in Scotland, he worked in the general area of employment between 1947 and 1963, then switched to becoming an industrial relations officer.

Moving to London as deputy chief conciliation officer in 1966 at the time of the seamen's strike, he was promoted chief conciliation officer in the rechristened Department of Employment and Productivity in 1968. Three years later he returned to Scotland as controller — in effect the department's chief north of the border — then joined Acas at its inception in 1974.

Kerr retired — two years over age — in 1980. But he was not out of work for very long. The car giant British Leyland snapped him up almost at once to lead a new grading review panel which was set up to help to pour oil on its own troubled industrial waters. With two other members, one from the unions and one from management, Kerr travelled all over the country to BL plants sorting out grievances over union differentials. Initially appointed for six months, the panel was so successful that it continued throughout most of the 1980s — until company restructuring made the panel itself redundant.

Meanwhile Kerr had also been invited in 1981 to visit South Africa, where he gave a series of lectures on industrial relations and took part in early discussions on setting up the country's own equivalent of Acas. He returned in 1984 to give further help at the time when Pretoria established the new body. A recent report on the organisation's first ten years paid tribute to the part he played in its success.

For more than 40 years, therefore, Andy Kerr was a leading influence on industrial relations in this country. His name appears in a number of memoirs of postwar Britain, including those of Barbara Castle — with whom he worked closely at the time of her White Paper *In Place of Strife*. His strengths were his soft Scottish voice and gentle manner, his capacity for long days and still longer nights and, above all, his inexhaustible patience.

He was also immensely perceptive and astute. Day after day, night after night, he would move between one set of disputants and the other, probing for common ground. His professional dedication and integrity won him the respect of both the unions and employers as well as that of his colleagues in Whitehall and at Acas.

Andy Kerr is survived by his wife Helen, whom he met at the age of 13 when they were pupils together at Spiers' School, Beith, and by their two sons and two daughters.

SIR JAMES STEEL

Sir James Steel, CBE, industrialist and former Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear, died on November 17 aged 85. He was born on May 19, 1909.



JAMES STEEL travelled the world for more than a quarter of a century, drumming up orders for the family engineering firm in Sunderland. He journeyed from Paraguay to Peking and back again, crisply ironed white dinner jacket in his trunk, building up a global network of distributors. He was to become not only one of the North East's leading industrialists but chairman of the British Productivity Council and first Lord Lieutenant of the new metropolitan authority of Tyne and Wear.

Yet he was perhaps most at home on a windswept marsh among the migrant birds whose comings and goings rivalled his own, or in the wildfowl park which, with encouragement from Sir Peter Scott, he had founded on a bend of the river at Washington New Town.

James Steel was born in Sunderland itself, a son of Alfred Steel, founder of Steel and Co. After going away to school at Trent College, Derbyshire, he joined the firm, whose products included mobile cranes and wartime equipment such as the Bailey bridge. While his elder brother Eric took over the manufacturing side from their father, James concentrated on marketing — turning Steel and Co into a prominent export firm.

He rose to be chairman, retiring in 1966 when the company went public as the Steel Group, then became an honorary life president. At the same time he expanded his interests in other fields.

He was made deputy chairman of Rea Brothers, the merchant bankers, and between 1974 and 1979 was chairman of the shipping company Furness Withey, in succession to Lord Beeching. He also served as chairman of the British Productivity Council, 1966-67, and of the Textile Council, 1968-72, and was founding chairman of the Washington Development Corporation, 1964-77. Appointed CBE in 1964, he was knighted in 1967.

Introduced to Scouting while at school, Steel led a Scout troop in Sunderland as a young man and was actively involved with young people's organisations ever afterwards, including the Girl Guides, youth clubs and the YMCA. He was also president of the Territorial Army Association in the North and a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Founders.

Not having been to university himself, he took great pride in the honorary doctorate of civil law conferred on him by Durham in 1959 and in his appointment as a governor of his old school.

But after his family, ornithology was his first love. After giving up the chairmanship of the Steel Group he travelled widely with a group of like-minded people to birdwatch as far away as the Galapagos islands, the Camargue, Iceland, northern Norway and Spitzbergen, and in 1989 published a book called *Bird Quest* about these expeditions. Even after relinquishing most of his other positions in the late 1980s, he retained his vice-presidency of the Wild Fowl Trust.

James Steel was a supremely fit man who never seemed to have had a day's illness in his life. Although naturally self-effacing and non-aggressive, he had the reputation of being able to look after himself in a tight corner. An accomplished amateur boxer as a young man, he once went three rounds with Jack Casey, a redoutable professional middleweight of his day.

Steel was an enviably efficient businessman who drove himself hard during long hours. If he said that he would do something, he would do it, and his knighthood reflected his commitment to industrial development in the North East.

His wife Margaret, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, whom he met through attending the same church, died in 1987. He is survived by their two sons and two daughters.

JOHN LUCAROTTI

John Lucarotti, writer and restaurateur, died in Paris from spinal cancer on November 20 aged 68. He was born in England on May 20, 1926.

JOHN LUCAROTTI was one of the outstanding writers of popular television drama during the golden era of the 1960s and 1970s. A warm, gregarious and determinedly unconventional man, he was the first story editor on *The Avengers*, and wrote three of the earliest *Dr Who* serials, before finding his natural home on the BBC's oil company series *The Troubleshooters*, for which he wrote 32 scripts over seven years.

His work also included many other classic series, such as episodes in *The Onedin Line* and *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, several original children's serials, a notable dramatisation of *Treasure Island* and a number of radio plays.

The Lucarotti family had originally come from northern Italy, but John was born in England, the son of an Army officer. He saw a good deal of the world as a child, through his father's different postings. His own career began in the Royal Navy, as a fleet navigation officer despite being notoriously unable to distinguish right from left. Eventually, rejecting the restrictions of service life, he left to become a writer, resolving never to wear a collar and tie again — a vow he kept for the rest of his life.

Emigrating to Canada in the early 1950s, he worked as a copywriter with the Maclaren agency in Toronto, creating many successful campaigns and displaying a facility for inventing memorable slogans: "Put a tiger in your tank" and "The Esso sign means happy motoring" were two of them.

After winning a national competition for best radio play, he seized his chance to jump ship again, flying to Mexico, where he lived for a year writing more plays for Canadian radio, and a successful television play, *The Witness*.

A couple of years of Bohemian life on the then unspoilt island of Majorca followed but, as the British television boom began to take off, he returned to London in the early 1960s, where his gifts as an exciting storyteller were soon in demand.

One marriage and a long-term relationship had both foundered by this point, and it seemed that Lucarotti was destined for a third disappointment in 1969 when he parted from his girlfriend Rolli and their baby daughter Charlie.

He took off round the world in order to forget, but found he could not live without them and, on his return, put an advertisement in the personal column of *The Times*: "Ageing roué with a penchant for kippers and white wine for Sunday brunch, seeks lady with similar tastes. Object matrimony. Offspring not objected to as long as her name is Charlie." It was a typically unconventional proposal but it worked, as did the marriage. Lucarotti celebrated it in a memorable play, *Kippers and White Wine*, in ATV's *Love Story* slot.

Later that year, they bought a small yacht, the *Ratu Etai*, and set sail for a new life in the Mediterranean. Lucarotti writing more *Troubleshooters* scripts as they journeyed south through the French canals. Their first winter was spent in Malta, but on their summer cruise the following year, a storm forced them to take shelter in Ajaccio, Corsica. They immediately decided to stay, and never returned to Malta.

While still mailing scripts back to London, Lucarotti found a new career when Rolli, who had managed Flanagan's restaurant on Baker Street in London, took the brave step of opening a restaurant in Ajaccio. They named it Phileas Fogg, with the motto "Around the world in 80 dishes". Lucarotti played the role of host and *sommelier* with great relish, his bonhomie as much of an attraction as Rolli's cooking. A few years later, they opened a sister restaurant in Paris, with equal success. It was in a nearby clinic that he died.

John Lucarotti is survived by his wife and daughter, and four children by his previous marriage and relationship.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS

Stephen Williams, pioneer of Radio Luxembourg, died on November 23 aged 86. He was born on March 31, 1908.



ALTHOUGH scarcely in the mainstream of broadcasting development, Radio Luxembourg is entitled to its own niche as at least an historical curio. That it came into existence at all owed a good deal to a British journalist, Stephen Williams.

Originally employed by the Tory MP Captain Leonard Plugge at Radio Normandie, Williams subsequently moved to the French capital to run — on behalf of a company called Radio Publicity — the Paris commercial transmitter, then the most powerful in the world. French government action soon, however, forced a further move beyond the frontiers of France — and that was how Radio Luxembourg came into being. It was Williams who in December 1933 supervised its first broadcasts — and thus launched it on its half-century career on Medium Wave 208.

In many ways he was an improbable instrument for such a purpose. The son of an Anglican parson (who lived to be, at 107, the oldest clergyman in the Church of England) the young Williams was educated at St Paul's School and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read Classics. He first, though, came to notice while reading the Lessons in his father's Acton church in west London. Impressed by his delivery and diction, a *Daily Mail* journalist in the congregation secured for him a broadcasting audition, leading to his spending a Cambridge vacation as an announcer on board the early *Mail* "pirate" vessel, *Ceto*.

Williams's first full-time employment was in Fleet Street, where he worked successively for the *Daily Chronicle* and the *Sunday Referee*. He was seconded from the latter to join the station staff of the International Broadcasting Company's Fécamp transmitter in Normandy, where Captain Plugge held the English language concession. So successful was that enterprise that within a year Williams was dispatched to Paris to exploit the commercial potential of the even newer Radio Paris transmitter, leaving there at the end of 1933 to move to Luxembourg. His only failure in Luxembourg lay in the attempt to attract French and German as well as British advertising.

But with the outbreak of the Second World War all commercial broadcasting from the Continent abruptly ceased. Spurned by the BBC (which had not forgiven him for luring away its then biggest star, Christopher Stone) Williams found a backdoor entry into Forces Broadcasting through the much-derided Entertainments National Service Association (Ensa). Gradually the BBC's attitude towards Williams softened, and he eventually found a place in its Overseas Entertainment Unit based at the Criterion Theatre, where he helped to produce such shows as *Variety Bandbox*. It was, indeed, with the blessing of the BBC that he returned to the Continent to relaunch Radio Luxembourg, if on a rather different basis, once the war was over.

The new official dispensation did not, however, last long. In 1947 Herbert Morrison announced in the Commons that there was no future for Radio Luxembourg as a subsidised station: if it was to survive, it would have to revert to its prewar commercial status. That was easier said than done. Exchange control regulations meant that there was no way in which British companies could pay for advertising slots on its airwaves. The net result was to tilt control of the station very much in the direction of Luxembourg interests. Williams did not find this to his taste, and in mid-1948 left for London to pick up the threads of his wartime broadcasting experience.

He was taken on by the Variety Department in Broadcasting House and then — after a none-too-happy spell in BBC Television — by Radio Outside Broadcasts, where he became responsible for nurturing such hardy perennials as *Down Your Way* and *Have a Go*. His last years at the Corporation were spent with BBC Enterprises, from which he retired in 1975.

If his career never quite fulfilled its early colourful promise, Williams at least had the consolation of knowing that his initial pioneering work had not been forgotten. At the end of 1991 he was invited to sign off for Radio Luxembourg on its 208 medium waveband — the station died the following year, having transferred to satellite — and in early 1992 he received the Order of Merit of Luxembourg from the hands of the Grand Duke. He had certainly played his part in putting the Grand Duchy on the map.

Stephen Williams leaves a widow and two children.

CHARLES FORTUNE

Charles Fortune, schoolmaster, broadcaster and cricket administrator, died in Johannesburg on November 22 aged 89. He was born at Laycock, Wiltshire, on December 31, 1904.

ALTHOUGH it was as a commentator on cricket and rugby football that Charles Fortune became a household name in South Africa, he was by training a schoolmaster.

He taught for some years at Rutlish in south London (John Major's old school) and then, on going to South Africa in 1935, at St Andrew's, Grahamstown. In 1953, by which time he had switched to broadcasting, he returned to England for a year to run Homefield, a preparatory school at Sutton, Surrey, with which his wife had family connections.

Fortune's soft English voice became as much a part of the sporting life of South Africa as John Arlott's distinctive burr was in England. Both were phrase-makers. Fortune painted verbal pictures in a way that invited parody and yet won many admirers.

When he came to England as a visiting commentator with various South African sides he attracted both curiosity and commendation; and he went down so well in Australia, while there with the South African side in 1952-53, that the Australian Broadcasting Commission paid him the compliment of bringing him over from South Africa to cover the MCC tour of Australia in 1958-59.

Fortune's third career, which he combined with his work for the South African Broadcasting Commission, was as secretary, from 1972 to 1984, of the South African Cricket Association, which still had the ambience of a cottage industry. These were years of sporting isolation for South Africa, and Fortune had the job of reconciling the need for international competition in order to help to keep cricket alive in the Republic (hence the "rebel" tours) with the shame of apartheid.

His own instincts were conservative, and he was at an age when change does not come easily; but the great work done by Ali Bacher, managing director of what has now become the South African Cricket Union, towards the defeat of prejudice, certainly owed something to his venerable colleague's measured support.

Fortune died a few hours before the new media centre at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg was opened and named after him. He wrote as he talked, carefully and benevolently, and produced a number of books on the tours that he covered. He is survived by his wife Daphne, née Walford, and by a daughter.



Charles Fortune flanked by Everton Mattis, left, and Richard Austin, right, of a "rebel" West Indian cricket team, Johannesburg, 1983

Appointments in the Church

The Rev Peter Tamplin, Vicar, St George's, Chesterton (Ely): to be Rector, Durrington (Salisbury).

The Rev Simon Tebbutt, Team Vicar, Duston: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), Great Houghton and Little Houghton w Brafield-on-the-Green (Peterborough).

The Rev Richard Tingle, Vicar, Burford w Fulbrook and Taynton: to be *also* Vicar, Asthall, Swinbrook and Widford (Oxford).

The Rev Colin Travers, Vicar, South Weald: to be Diocesan Co-ordinator to the North Thames Ministerial Training Course and Hon Assistant Curate, Ingrave, St Nicholas (Chelmsford).

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The Rev Michael West, Chaplain, Shiplake College, Henley (Oxford): to be Assitant Chaplain, Bryanston School, Blandford Forum (Salisbury).

The Rev Robert White, Vicar, Brentwood, St Thomas: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Ingrave, St Nicholas (Chelmsford).

The Rev Christopher Whitehead, Vicar, Hunmanby w Muston and Rural Dean of Scarborough: to be Rector, Lockington and Lund and Scorborough w Leconfield (York).

Resignations and retirements

Canon Harry Broughton, who resigned his Canonry of York as from October 18, has now been appointed a Canon Emeritus and has permission to officiate in the diocese of York.

The Rev Michael Clayton, curate, Christchurch, w responsibility of All Saints, Mudeford (Winchester): to retire as from June 30, 1995.

The Rev Adrian Davies, Vicar, Byker St Michael w St Lawrence (Newcastle): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev John Dawson, Priest-in-charge, Settrington w North Grimston and Wharram (York): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Dr James Frost, Team Vicar, Heworth Team Ministry w special responsibility for St Wulstan's (York): to retire as from January 31, 1995.

The Rev Alan Gales, Vicar, Marley Hill (Durham): to retire as from November 28.

Canon John Greaves, Vicar, Durham St Cuthbert (Durham): to resign his incumbency and honorary canonry of Durham Cathedral as from December 1 and then to be appointed Honorary Canon Emeritus.

Canon Raymond Hockley, Canon Residentiary, Precentor and Chamberlain of York Minster (York): to retire in spring 1995.

The Rev Philip Morgan, Rector, The Deverills (united benefice) (Salisbury): to retire as from December 17.

The Rev Ian Pelton, Vicar, St Mary, Coxhoe (Durham): to retire as from January 31, 1995.

The Rev Roger Redding, Vicar, Salisbury St Mark (Salisbury): resigned as from August 31.

The Rev Derek Sportiswoode, Assistant Curate, St John at Hampstead (London): to retire as from December 31.

LAMBETH WORKHOUSE.

About two months ago a young woman named Mary Ann Garnham, an inmate of Lambeth Workhouse, on being placed in a refractory cell by order of the master, was alleged to have been ill-used by the taskmaster and assistant-master, which resulted in her being attacked with fits, with which she was affected for several days afterwards, and what was supposed to be her dying depositions were taken before Mr. G.P. Elliott, the sitting magistrate of Lambeth Police-court. From this resulted an inquiry before Dr. Markham, Inspector of the Poor Law Commissioners, which was held in the Board-room of the workhouse.

Upon Dr Markham's report a communication from the Poor Law Board has just been forwarded to Mr. W.P. Wilmot, clerk to the Board of Guardians, which is to the following effect. It states:—

"That the Board are of opinion that the charge made against Walter Francis Vick, the taskmaster, of taking Garnham by the hair of her head and dragging her along on her knees to the master before she was placed in the refractory ward is clearly not proved; and Garnham herself admits that the statement of his having forced her down on the seat in the ward is not true. With respect to the taskmaster, Edward Charles Pascall, the evidence is contradictory, but, on the whole, the Board are of the opinion that the charge made against him of striking Mary Ann Garnham, and knocking her head against the wall of the refractory ward (to which she attributed her alleged fainting at the time, and the fits from which she has subsequently suffered) is not substantiated. The denial of the taskmaster himself, corroborated as it is by the evidence of the three other officers who were present on the occasion, appears to the Board to outweigh the assertion of Garnham, and the vague evidence given in support of it by others. Although, however, the Board acquit the taskmaster of the principal charge against him, they think it right to animadvert on the unsatisfactory notice of the evidence given by him. The weight of testimony opposed to that of the taskmaster on several points is such as to lead the Board to entertain great doubt of the accuracy of his evidence, and to raise the question whether he can be considered trustworthy as an officer."

The Board also say "that refractory persons shall be punished by confinement in a separate room, and the Board think that the use of dark cells for the purpose is improper. The Board regret to be compelled to point out the defective classification of young women and youths in the workhouse. They learn from Dr. Markham that there is no proper separation as regards either sex, between young persons of good character and those who are vicious and depraved, and that as respects the latter class there is an absence of that strict discipline which is so essential. The case of Mary Ann Garnham affords a painful example of laxity in these respects, when it is considered that she was formerly in the schools belonging to the Guardians, which she only left three years ago, and at the age of 18 she has become a violent pauper.

ON THIS DAY

November 28 1868

The workhouse was the dreaded last resort of those whom unemployment, sickness or old age had rendered paupers. Of such a place, in 1892, George Lansbury recorded: "Everything possible was done to inflict mental and moral degradation."

THE TIMES TODAY MONDAY NOVEMBER 28 1994

NEWS

British troops held hostage

■ *Bosnian Serb troops took 63 British and 102 Dutch peacekeepers hostage yesterday as the Mayor of Bihac issued a desperate appeal for help and Serb forces appeared poised to take over the enclave.*

As the battle for Bihac intensified, fresh divisions arose between Britain and the United States over the paralysis of Western policy in Bosnia ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Lamont challenge ridiculed

■ An uneasy Conservative high command launched a savage assault on Norman Lamont as the former Chancellor left open the prospect that he could spearhead a leadership challenge to the Prime Minister. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said his old friend Mr Lamont would "cut a ridiculous figure" if *he tried to topple John Major* ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Pensioners win

Eight pensioners were preparing to share £1.7 million from the National Lottery after staking £1 each ..... **Page 1**

Revolt threat

Kenneth Clarke's hopes of boosting Tory morale in his Budget tomorrow were clouded by fresh evidence of a threatened backbench revolt over his plans to raise VAT on fuel to 17.5 per cent from April ..... **Pages 1, 5**

Goldsmith's party

Sir James Goldsmith, the Eurosceptic Anglo-French millionaire, said he was forming a political party dedicated to securing a referendum on the outcome of the 1996 summit on the future of the European Union ..... **Page 1**

Abuse claims

The Roman Catholic Church in Ireland was shaken by fresh claims of child sex abuse by members of the clergy when it was alleged that a priest abused a girl in Londonderry ..... **Page 3**

Couple due home

The Berkshire couple found guilty of trying to smuggle a baby out of Romania are expected to return home today ..... **Page 3**

Boosting revenue

Teaching hospitals are repainting wards, redesignating them for private patients and earning millions of pounds to add to their NHS funding ..... **Page 5**

Minister's plea

A senior Methodist minister is calling for "a hedonistic ethic" based on "serious fun with sex and money" to replace the ascetic Christian tradition that no longer commands support ..... **Page 8**

New 'mad cow' row

Claims in a book published today that "mad cow" disease poses a serious threat to human life have led to a row between government scientists and their most vociferous critic ..... **Page 9**

Quarry battle

The men who fish Europe's purest waters have switched sides in the battle to dig one of the world's largest quarries, fearing that the development on Harris, in the Western Isles, may bring pollution ..... **Page 10**

Sucession question

Silvio Berlusconi prepared for interrogation by Milan anti-corruption magistrates as opposition leaders discussed what form of government should succeed his coalition ..... **Page 11**

Rabbi killed

Gunmen opened fire on an Israeli car near Hebron in the West Bank, killing a rabbi and wounding a policeman ..... **Page 13**

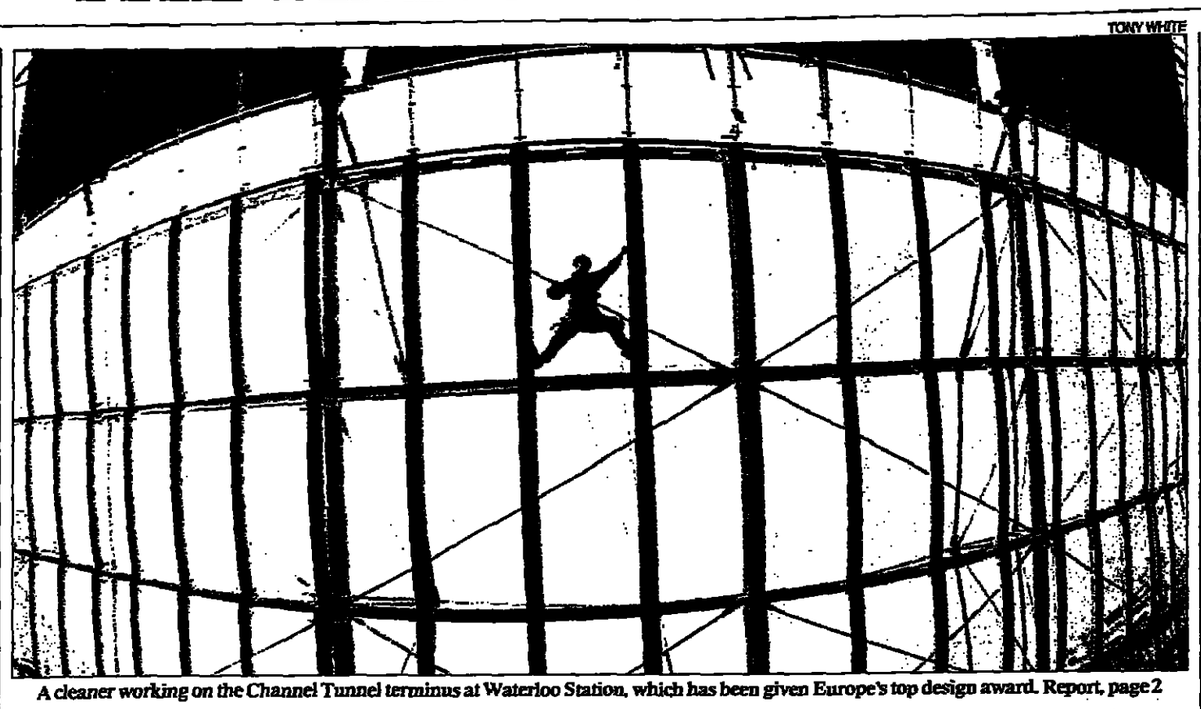
Missing Briton

A British charity worker missing in Zaire after his convoy was caught in factional fighting is a former SAS member ..... **Page 13**

Women MPs celebrate first lady

■ A group of women MPs is to table a parliamentary motion celebrating the achievements of Nancy Astor, who became the first woman to take her seat as an MP 75 years ago this week. Helen Jackson, chair of Labour's women's committee, has drafted an early day motion to acknowledge Viscountess Astor's place in parliamentary history ..... **Page 10**

TONY WHITE



A cleaner working on the Channel Tunnel terminus at Waterloo Station, which has been given Europe's top design award. Report, page 2

BUSINESS

British Rail: A number of Europe's leading engineering companies, including Siemens, GEC-Alsthom, and ABB, have bid for British Rail's six maintenance yards which together have almost 4,000 employees ..... **Page 44**

Building societies: The Halifax and Leeds Permanent building societies have ordered all their 1,100 branches not to open any new savings accounts to prevent investors cashing in on their plans to merge and convert into a public company ..... **Page 44**

Top marks: Rentokil, the environmental services group, has been voted the most admired company in Britain in a survey of directors from 260 of the country's largest firms ..... **Page 41**

FEATURES

Are the Vikings coming? Anne McElvoy assesses two determined women who could decide Norway's future in Europe ..... **Page 17**

Death with a sting: Libby Purves on the Aston-Dover affair at Oxford, and how inconvenient people should die ..... **Page 17**

MIND AND MATTER

It makes you think: Research has transformed ideas of how the brain decodes what we see ..... **Page 16**

EDUCATION

The inspector calls: Why New York state has adopted our abandoned school inspectorate to improve the quality of its students' work ..... **Page 37**

ARTS

Disappointing debut: National Theatre director Richard Eyre has produced his first opera, Covent Garden's new *Traviata*. But, Rodney Milnes says, he still has a lot to learn about opera ..... **Page 14**

Bit of a muddle: Elgar wrote 180 scraps of music for a planned opera. *The Spanish Lady*, patched together by Percy Young, has just had its premiere ..... **Page 14**

Avoiding sentiment: In his stage adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* for the Royal Shakespeare Company, John Mortimer shows that the tale is a denunciation of poverty ..... **Page 15**

Good Impressions: Jeremy Kingston writes that Richard Hayton's new play, *1969*, is well worth the trip to Battersea ..... **Page 15**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **NATIVE ART**
Richard Cork sees glory and mystery at the British Museum's new Mexican Gallery

■ **SNATCH GANG**
Matthew Bond searches *Horizon* for signs of extra-terrestial kidnappers



SPORTS

Cricket: England are facing defeat in the first Test match in Brisbane against Australia, who lead by 453, with three second-innings wickets left. Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, decided not to enforce the follow-on ..... **Page 23**

Football: Brian Little was deprived of a winning start as Aston Villa manager when Peter Atherton scored for Sheffield Wednesday in the 57th minute ..... **Page 25**

Hockey: England drew 1-1 with Argentina in the World Cup in Sydney on Saturday. England have scored only two goals in three games, but their captain says it is just a phase ..... **Page 24**

Rugby Union: England recall Kyran Bracken and Dean Richards for the game against Canada on December 10 ..... **Page 32**

Snooker: Stephen Hendry registered a 5-3 lead over Ken Doherty in the first session in the final of the United Kingdom championship at Preston ..... **Page 24**

Eton Wall Game: A few bloody noses, bags of effort, and plenty of mud, glorious mud featured in the game on Saturday ..... **Page 35**

Rugby Union: South Africa were pushed to the limit before beating Wales, who gave a brave performance that augurs well for the five nations' championship ..... **Page 32**

Racing: One Man gave Gordon Richards his first training success by winning the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury ..... **Page 31**

OPINIONS

Millions of Americans claim to have been abducted by little grey men. *Horizon: Close Encounters* (BBC2, 8pm) ..... **Page 43**

Lynne Truss on *Girl Friday*, featuring Joanna Lumley's sojourn on a desert island ..... **Page 43**

Heads and hearts

Rational Tories will refrain from putting their names to a challenge on Wednesday. But rationalism is a famously inadequate definition of Tory politics ..... **Page 19**

A friend's enemy

Britain, where Karl Marx made his home and which in the past has harboured anarchists, would be harming a long-standing principle if liberty were made subject to political whim ..... **Page 19**

Old hat

The reprieve granted to the old-fashioned policeman's helmet is a welcome victory for traditionalism ..... **Page 19**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Ministers cannot make up their minds whether they are more afraid of the British people or the Brussels machine ..... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

No government can reverse the declining demand for unskilled labour ..... **Page 18**

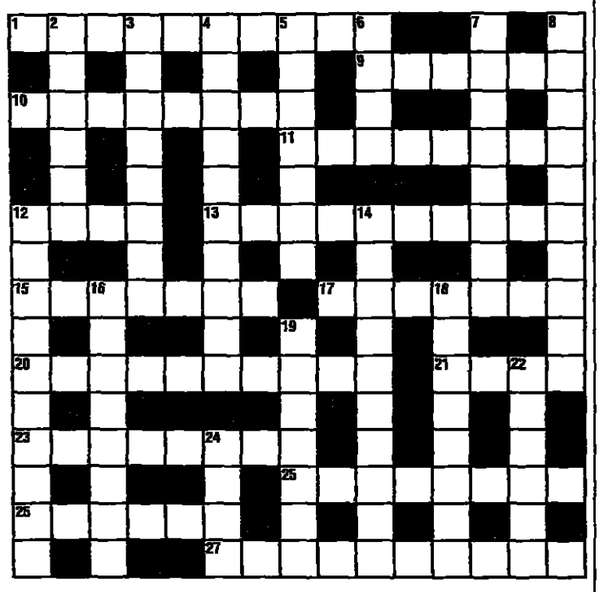
Andrew Kerr, former chief conciliation officer for Acas; **Sir James Steel**, industrialist and former Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear; **Stephen Williams**, pioneer of Radio Luxembourg ..... **Page 21**

Monday's Commons vote and the European budget ..... **Page 19**

Mr Major is trying to reconcile the irreconcilable. It is impossible in one breath to demand support for stuffing more cash into the mouths of Brussels bureaucrats, and in the next to demand support for cutting spending and raising taxes at home — *Sunday Express*

Mr Major's duty as Prime Minister to the country as well as leader of the party is to lance the boil. If this means an election, so much the better. — *The Observer*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,711



ACROSS

1 Hard times can mean low spirits (10).
9 When talking, gape at slim woman (6).
10 Arrest a boy for causing obstruction (8).
11 Non-belligerent bird getting involved in *fighting*? (8).
12 Nail for transport poster (4).
13 Oriental girl stars in "The Special Agents" (10).
15 A club where there's dope in the cheese (7).
17 European money bringing credit to American party (7).
20 Adjust rate and things should be different (10).
21 The shark needs to exercise (4).
23 Attacked, but got to work (6,2).
25 Divine rule for those without cunning (8).
26 English fellow to make much of, though degenerate (6).
27 Drink — it's the new chairman's round (10).

DOWN

2 Join up with a woman as an alternative (6).
3 Disturbances causing tears in the *main*? (8).
4 Give voice about a holiday-maker speeding (10).
5 Changes in it are due to inactivity (7).
6 Directions to do with supplying gas (4).
7 Sort of cereal for which a lemon is essential (8).
8 Emphasise there's less than twenty (10).
12 She's a caring girl — but only on occasion! (4-6).
14 Criminals with money framed by persons unknown (10).
16 Display expertise in building flying machines (8).
18 Started to propose (3,5).
19 An old Greek loud-speaker (7).
22 Trail followed by an Afghan (6).
24 Some would exclude eminent judge (4).

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,710 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Boulmer Northumberland, 16°C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 0.17in; highest sunshine: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 6.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** there may be a little early drizzle over southern England but much of the day will be dry. The Channel Islands will have a dull day with drizzle every now and then. The rest of England, Wales and the Isle of Man will be dry and bright.

Northern Ireland and southern Scotland should have a dry, bright day with at least a little sunshine. Northern Scotland will have rain or drizzle for a while, but during the day it is expected to turn drier and brighter.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, SW England:** chance of a little early drizzle. Turning drier and perhaps brighter. Wind light northerly becoming easterly. Mild. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England:** dry, sunny at times. Wind very light, easterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry, with a lot of cloud but some sunshine. Wind moderate southwesterly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** dull with a little drizzle at times. Wind moderate northeasterly becoming easterly. Quite mild. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** rain and drizzle for a while, turning drier and brighter. Wind fresh or strong southwesterly. Mild. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, rain or drizzle at times. Wind strong to gale southwest or westerly. Chilly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook:** it will stay mainly dry and bright with some sunshine. Still mild by day but frost and perhaps fog are likely on Tuesday morning.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; du=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.2	-	15	59	s	Littlehmptn	-	-	11	52	du
Anglesey	-	-	12	54	du	Liverpool	0.1	-	13	55	c
Aspatria	-	0.04	12	54	du	London	-	-	13	55	du
Aviemore	1.4	0.01	13	55	b	Lowestoft	-	-	12	54	du
Belfast	0.3	-	13	55	c	Manchester	-	0.01	13	55	c
Birmingham	-	-	13	56	c	Margate	X	-	12	54	du
Bognor R	-	-	11	52	c	Minehead	-	-	13	55	du
Bournem'th	-	-	12	54	c	Morecambe	-	0.01	12	54	du
Bristol	-	-	13	55	du	Newcastle	1.3	-	14	57	c
Buxton	-	0.01	11	52	c	Newquay	-	-	12	54	c
Cardiff	-	-	12	54	du	Norwich	-	-	13	55	c
Clacton	-	-	12	54	du	Nottingham	0.1	-	13	55	c
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	X				
Colwyn Bay	6.1	-	15	59	s	Penzance	0.7	-	13	55	c
Cromer	-	-	13	55	du	Plymouth	-	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	0.2	0.02	13	55	c	Poole	-	-	13	55	c
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	s
Eastbourne	0.4	-	13	55	c	Ross-o-wye	-	-	13	55	c
Edinburgh	0.2	-	14	57	c	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	0.03	11	52	fg	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	-	-	12	54	du	Sandown	-	-	12	54	c
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Saunton Snd	-	-	12	54	c
Fishguard	X					Scarboro'	3.1	-	14	57	s
Folkestone	1.6	-	13	55	c	Scilly Isles	5.4	-	13	55	b
Glasgow	1.7	0.02	13	56	d	Shanklin	-	-	12	54	du
Guernsey	X					Shrewsbury	5.6	-	14	57	s
Hastings	0.9	-	12	54	c	Skegness	0.2	-	13	55	c
Hayling I.	-	-	12	54	du	Southend	-	-	13	55	du
Herne Bay	0.4	-	12	54	c	Southport	0.1	-	13	55	c
Hove	X					Southsea	-	-	12	54	c
Hunstanton	-	-	12	54	du	Stornoway	-	-	12	54	du
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	-	-	13	55	c
Isle of Man	0.4	-	13	55	c	Teignmouth	-	-	12	54	c
Jersey	0.3	-	13	55	c	Tenby	-	-	13	55	du
Kinloss	5.7	-	15	59	s	Tiree	-	0.06	12	54	r
Leeds	0.6	-	13	55	c	Torquay	-	-	12	54	c
Lerwick	0.1	0.03	9	48	r	Weymouth	-	-	12	54	c
Leuchars	2.5	-	13	55	s						

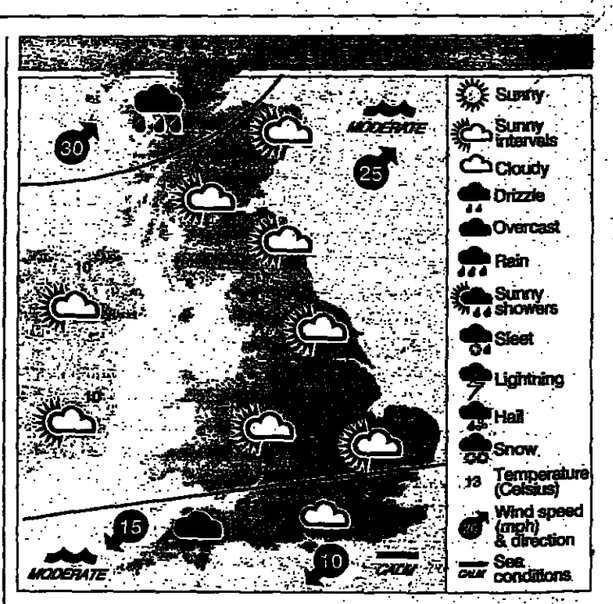
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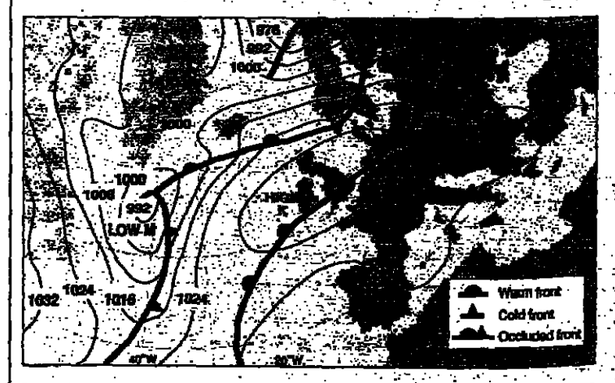
Ajaccio	18	64	f	C'phagn	6	43	d	Madrid	10	50	s
Akrotiri	15	59	f	Corfu	15	59	s	Majorca	16	61	c
Alex'dria	15	59	r	Dublin	9	48	f	Malaga	19	66	s
Algiers	18	64	s	Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Malta	16	61	t
Amst'dm	11	52	c	Faro	20	68	s	Melb'rne	22	72	f
Athens	10	50	f	Florence	9	48	f	Mexico C	20	68	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Frankfurt	11	52	c	Miami	27	81	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Milan	10	50	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gamma	9	48	f	Montreal	-3	27	s
Barcelona	14	57	f	Gibraltar	18	64	s	Moscow	-14	7	sn
Beirut	18	64	f	Helsinki	1	34	c	Munich	7	45	c
Belgrade	2	36	f	Hong K	24	75	f	Nairobi	-	-	
Berlin	9	48	c	Innsbruck	8	46	f	Naples	15	59	f
Bermuda	21	70	f	Istanbul	5	41	f	N Delhi	26	79	s
Biarritz	11	52	f	Jeddah	28	82	f	N York	7	45	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	Jo'burg	-	-		Nice	15	59	f
Brussels	11	52	c	Karachi	31	88	s	Oslo	-1	30	fg
Budapst	3	37	f	L Palmas	25	77	s	Paris	12	54	c
B Aires	22	72	f	La Tquet	12	54	f	Peking	7	45	c
Cairo	20	68	f	Lisbon	17	63	s	Perth	22	72	f
Cape Tn	-	-		Locarno	9	48	fg	Prague	7	45	c
Chicago	3	37	f	L Angels	14	57	s	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Ch'church	23	73	s	Luxembg	10	50	c	Rhodes	11	52	s
Cologne	10	50	c	Luxor	22	72	s	Rio de J	27	81	s

Riyadh	23	73	s			
Rome	15	59	f			
Salzburg	5	41	r			
S F'isco	9	48	s			
Santiago	27	81	s			
S Paulo	28	82	c			
Seoul	8	46	s			
Sing'por	29	84	f			
St'kholm	3	37	f			
Strasb'rg	8	46	c			
Sydney	31	88	s			
Tangier	18	61	f			
Tel Aviv	14	57	f			
Tenerife	22	72	s			
Tokyo	14	57	s			
Tunis	19	66	c			
Valencia	18	61	c			
Vanc'ver	4	39	c			
Venice	12	54	f			
Vienna	7	45	f			
Warsaw	0	32	c			
Wash'ton	11	52	s			
Wel'ngton	15	59	c			
Zurich	8	46	c			

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: high K will move east and decline; low R will move quickly northeast and deepen; low M will lose its identity



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Aberdeen	8.45	3.8	9.01	3.8	Lowestoft	3.46	2.4	5.42	2.2
Avonmouth	1.29	10.2	2.14	10.7	Margate	8.55	4.1	7.51	4.2
Belfast	5.59	3.0	6.20	3.3	Milford Haven	1.05	8.5	1.36	8.8
Cardiff	1.26	9.57	2.02	10.14	Newquay	12.01	5.6	12.31	5.9
Devonport	12.14	4.5	12.44	4.7	Oban	1.15	3.1	1.29	3.4
Dover	6.06	5.7	6.51	5.7	Penzance	—	—	12.01	4.7
Falmouth	—	—	12.14	4.5	Portland	1.17	1.5	1.13	1.9
Glasgow	8.04	4.1	8.04	4.5	Portsmouth	8.24	4.2	8.46	4.1
Harwich	6.25	3.5	7.15	3.6	Holyhead	6.20	5.2	6.43	5.2
Holyhead	5.39	4.7	5.58	5.0	Shoreham	6.20	5.2	6.43	4.9
Hull	12.46	6.11	1.45	6.20	Southampton	5.49	4.1	6.14	4.3
Ilfracombe	12.40	7.30	1.12	7.65	Swansea	1.06	7.5	1.36	7.9
King's Lynn	12.49	5.4	1.82	5.3	Tees	11.09	4.5	11.28	4.7
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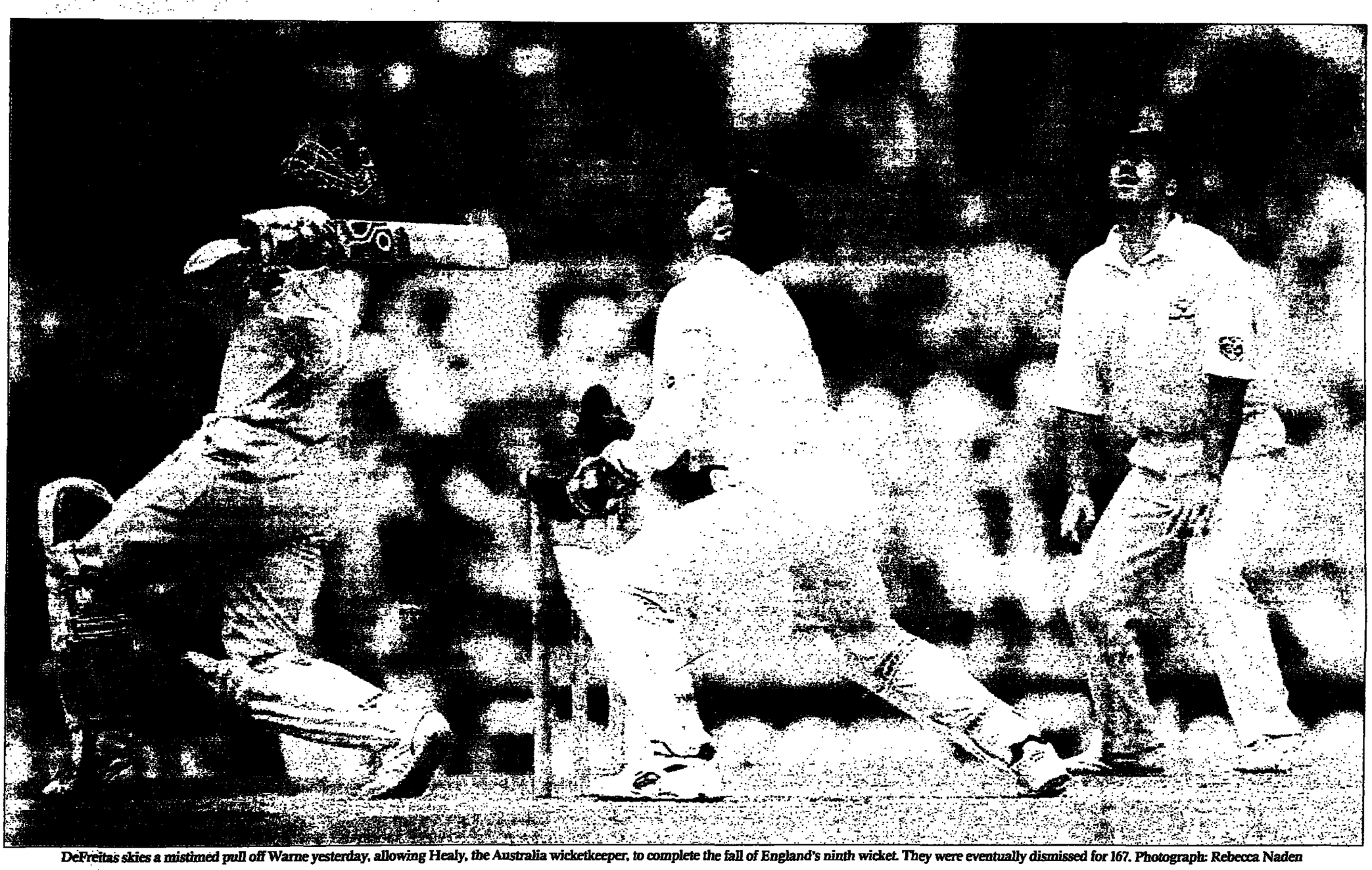
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DeFreitas skies a mistimed pull off Warne yesterday, allowing Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, to complete the fall of England's ninth wicket. They were eventually dismissed for 167. Photograph: Rebecca Naden

England left ripe for the kill after Australia amass huge lead

Taylor prolongs Test agony

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN BRISBANE

IF THERE is one thing more intolerable for the England cricket team than being beaten by Australia, it is being patronised by them and, on a day of stark comparisons and bleak judgments, the suspicion persisted that this first Test match could have been over inside three days but for Mark Taylor's compassion.

Nobody was more relieved than Michael Atherton when his Australian counterpart declined to enforce the follow-on yesterday morning, despite a handsome lead of 259 runs and the fact that Australia then lost seven wickets while extending this to 453 against a weakened attack intent on no more than restraint, suggests that England's prospects of survival would have been slim.

With more than half the match available to him, Taylor's decision was not entirely illogical. It may also have been inspired by the experience he suffered in Rawalpindi last month, when Pakistan followed on 261 behind and amassed 537 in their second innings. However, it seemed that England needed only one more punch to go down for the count and, at the very least, Taylor denied his team the chance of a second successive three-day Ashes win on this ground.

This over-prepared pitch turned significantly for Shane Warne on the second day and quite extravagantly on the third. Neither this nor the forecast of fine weather offered much encouragement to England and their own form offered even less, but Taylor chose to bat again and, for England, the result was a day spent in purgatory, their sentence deferred.

Brisbane's tabloid Sunday newspaper had it right. "Here We Go Again" was its headline, written as much in sorrow as smugness, the lament of a nation that yearns for a more intense contest than the old foe can presently provide. Atherton has said more than once that he fears Australia has come to disdain English cricket and his desire to demand a rethink has already sustained a severe setback.

To be dismissed for 167 was beyond Atherton's darkest fears and his own four-hour defiance brought only minor consolation. England batted without discretion or dedication and with no evident plan. The dispiriting sight of Graeme Hick being bounced out by Craig McDermott was matched by the torture Warne applied to Graham Thorpe. England's two most assertive batsmen will not concern the Australians with cricket such as this.

Graham Gooch's attempt to hit the spin bowlers out of the attack died in its infancy, a case of poor shot selection, and the gamble on Mike Gatting's old head was undermined by his old vulnerability to leg-before dismissals against *high-class seam bowling.*

In this instance, that bowling was done by McDermott, who began this game with the pressure of rejection hanging over him. He had not taken five wickets in an innings for 25 Tests, spanning almost three years, and his initial waywardness on Saturday hinted at a bowler in decline. Yet, on a pitch offering him neither pace nor sideways movement, he finished with six for 53, his career extended with honour by bowling that was intelligent and abrasive against batting that was dim and submissive.

Despite bowling more loose deliveries than is his custom, Warne conceded fewer than two runs an over, demoralised Thorpe and bamboozled the tail. It was a satisfactory start for him and any inclination to believe that celebrity status would turn his head needs revision, for he spent the rest of yesterday cheerfully running errands for his batsmen as acting twelfth man.

The closeness and unity of purpose within this Australia side is striking, but it would be unfair to deride England's spirit on the strength of the play so far. There was worthy of much credit, if nothing worthy of celebration, in the approach to a thankless task in the field yesterday.

Atherton's resources were reduced to three regular bowlers by a stomach upset that kept Martin McCague off the field and the captain also surprisingly entrusted Hick with only two overs. DeFreitas and Gough bowled willingly and alternately, downwind, while Tufnell took four for 58 in 31 overs. He bowled over the wicket from start to finish, aiming to pitch a foot outside the right-handers' leg stump and, although this is an unattractive tactic that needs the attention of the law-makers, Tufnell followed instructions with skill and consistency.

Australia were making a complete mockery of England's toils when Taylor and Michael Slater put on 100 inside 24 overs, but, in the remaining 51 overs of the day they lost seven wickets for 94. Mark Waugh found the confinements of Tufnell's angle too much for him and was bowled playing an ill-conceived reverse sweep and David Boon spent three hours making 28 before the ball of the day defeated him, pitching outside leg stump and hitting off.

Although understandably intent on bowling no more overs than were necessary, which involved a degree of dawdling, England fielded keenly enough and McCague's indisposition had its benefit. Craig White, the substitute, took two catches, the first of them an acrobatic one-handed effort at square leg to condemn Steve Waugh to a second failure. The congratulations were restrained. Every wicket that fell, after all, brought England closer to the fate that only Taylor had delayed.

☐ The third and final day of the match between the touring West Indians and Bombay in Calicut was cancelled on Saturday for fear of crowd violence. The second day of the match had already been cancelled after a state-wide strike, organised by communist students in the southern state of Kerala, caused nine deaths.

AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND AT BRISBANE

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater c Gatting b Gooch 176
(324min, 244 balls, 25 fours)
*M A Taylor run out
(Gough/Rhodes) 59
(134min, 110 balls, 8 fours)
D C Boon b Gough 3
(24min, 24 balls)
M E Waugh c Stewart b Gough .. 140
(324min, 215 balls, 14 fours, 1 six)
M G Bevan c Hick b Gough 7
(25min, 18 balls)
S K Warne c Rhodes b Gough 2
(39min, 25 balls)
S R Waugh c Hick b DeFreitas 19
(53min, 30 balls, 3 fours)
†I A Healy c Hick b DeFreitas 7
(35min, 25 balls)
C J McDermott c Gough b McCague 2
(19min, 7 balls)
T B A May not out 3
(22min, 21 balls)
G D McGrath c Gough b McCague 0
(8min, 5 balls)
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 1) 8
Total (120.2 overs, 504min) 428

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99 (Slater 40), 2-126 (Slater 64), 3-308 (M E Waugh 68), 4-326 (M E Waugh 79), 5-352 (M E Waugh 98), 6-379 (M E Waugh 106), 7-407 (M E Waugh 127), 8-419 (M E Waugh 136), 9-425 (May 2).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 31-8-102-2 (nb 1; 3-1-12-0, 5-1-12-0, 4-0-22-0, 4-1-9-0, 3-0-17-0, 12-5-30-2); McCague 19.2-4-66-2 (3-0-15-0, 5-2-10-0, 3-0-29-0, 3-0-26-0, 2-1-12-0, 3.2-1-4-1); Gough 32-7-107-4 (nb 1; 3-1-9-0, 6-2-19-0, 6-1-13-1, 3-0-18-0, 5-2-10-1, 7-0-36-1, 2-1-2-1); Tufnell 25-3-72-0 (11-1-23-0, 1-0-3-0, 2-0-8-0, 6-0-30-0, 5-2-8-0); Hick 4-0-22-0 (one spell); Gooch 9-2-20-1 (5-1-13-1, 4-1-7-0).

Second Innings

*M A Taylor c Stewart b Tufnell 58
(132min, 100 balls, 5 fours)
M J Slater lbw b Gough 45
(109min, 79 balls, 5 fours)
D C Boon b Tufnell 28
(177min, 120 balls)
M E Waugh b Tufnell 15
(36min, 34 balls, 3 fours)
M G Bevan c Rhodes b DeFreitas 21
(60min, 44 balls, 3 fours)
S R Waugh c sub b Tufnell 7
(25min, 21 balls, 1 four)
†I A Healy not out 7
(47min, 36 balls)
S K Warne c sub b DeFreitas 0
(4min, 5 balls)
C J McDermott not out 0
(10min, 7 balls)
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 2, nb 1) 13
Total (7 wkts) 194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109 (Taylor 54), 2-117 (Boon 4), 3-138 (Boon 11), 4-174 (Boon 23), 5-183 (Boon 25), 6-190 (Healy 4), 7-191 (Healy 5).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 20-1-81-2 (4-0-11-0, 6-0-37-0, 10-1-13-2), Gough 18-2-59-1 (4-0-17-0, 9-1-32-1, 5-1-10-0), Tufnell 31-9-58-4 (24-7-50-2, 7-2-8-2), Gooch 3-2-5-0 (one spell), Hick 2-1-1-0 (one spell).

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton
c Healy b McDermott 54
(236min, 168 balls, 5 fours)
A J Stewart c Healy b McDermott 16
(44min, 34 balls, 2 fours)
G A Hick c Healy b McDermott 3
(21min, 11 balls)
G P Thorpe c and b Warne 28
(70min, 66 balls, 3 fours)
G A Gooch c Healy b May 20
(31min, 30 balls, 2 fours, 1 six)
M W Gatting lbw b McDermott 10
(34min, 34 balls, 1 four)
M J McCague b McDermott 1
(11min, 11 balls)
†S J Rhodes lbw b McDermott 4
(36min, 23 balls)
P A J DeFreitas c Healy b Warne ... 7
(7min, 7 balls, 1 four)
D Gough not out 17
(26min, 20 balls, 2 sixes)
P C R Tufnell c Taylor b Warne 0
(17min, 11 balls)
Extras (lb 1, nb 6) 7
Total (67.2 overs, 271 min) 167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22 (Atherton 4), 2-35 (Atherton 13), 3-82 (Atherton 31), 4-105 (Atherton 34), 5-131 (Atherton 46), 6-133 (Atherton 49), 7-140 (Rhodes 2), 8-147 (Rhodes 2), 9-151 (Gough 2).

BOWLING: McDermott 19-3-53-6 (9-3-20-2, 10-0-33-4); McGrath 10-2-40-0 (4-2-9-0, 6-0-32-0); May 17-3-34-1 (5-1-11-0, 12-2-23-1); Warne 21.2-7-39-3 (5-2-3-0, 9-2-27-1, 7.2-3-9-2).

Umpires: C J Mitchley (SA) and S Randell (Aus).

TV replay umpire: P D Parker.

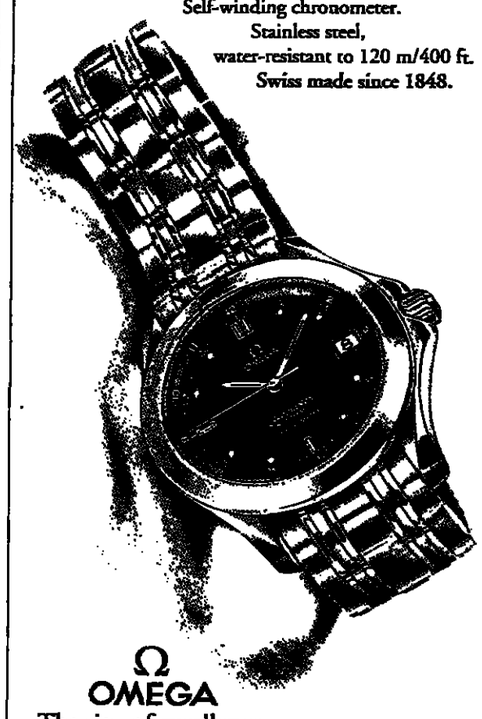
Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

MATCHES TO COME: Second Test: Melbourne (December 24-29). Third Test: Sydney (January 1-5). Fourth Test: Adelaide (January 26-30). Fifth Test: Perth (February 3-7).

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Taylor spikes Sky's cocktail of stimulants



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

BY SATURDAY night, I was ready. No matter that the two preceding nights had seen me slink off to bed at the 2am lunch interval, this was going to be different. Not only did I have my Sky Sports Ashes survival kit by my side (espresso coffee sachet, Mars bar, Guarana herbal supplement, Pro-plus tablets) there was also the strongest of sporting stimulants to keep me awake — the prospect of an England Test defeat inside three days.

I had it all planned. Watch through the night, grab a few hours' kip and then off to the pub to lead the post-mortem over the lunchtime Bloody Marys.

But I'd reckoned without Mark Taylor and his decision not to enforce the follow-on. Taylor may have ensured that Sky Sports actually had something to show last night (and possibly tonight), but he stripped Saturday of drama and excitement at a stroke. I'd also reckoned without David Boon, a man who may hold the Sydney-to-London beer drinking record (52 cans, according to Sky's raconteur in residence, Ian Chappell) but whose stupefying innings of 28 proved an effective antidote to Sky's cocktail of stimulants. By the time I woke up, Charles Colville had somehow turned into Anna Walker. That Guarana was stronger than I thought.

Not that Sky can be blamed for a dull over or three bowled in Brisbane. Technically, its coverage has been first-class, with excellent pictures supplied by 9 Network Australia and crystal clear sound that is remarkable for a live event taking place 12,000 miles away. The fact that the excitable Charles Colville could probably be heard here without the benefit of a double satellite link is neither here nor there — except perhaps to monitoring extra-terrestrials puzzled by the screams of "that's the most brilliant catch," rending the inter-galactic ether.

Sky's much-criticised advertising breaks seem less intrusive than in the recent past. One advertisement every three or four overs seems fair trade for ball-by-ball coverage of the full day's play. The impromptu ad breaks, however, such as those following a dismissal, do still jar. The long walk to the pavilion is a key part of the game of cricket. It is a moment for reflection and assessment, not for a car commercial — particularly when the batsman walking back is a furious Mike Atherton and you have a tight close-up of a thunderous expression one word away from dissent.

But just as Ray Illingworth and Mike Atherton may have to rethink their team selection, so Sky Sports should be having second thoughts about their commentary team. Fielding five cricketers (four former, one extant) is like picking 11 fast bowlers to contest the Ashes. It is unbalanced — some of the basic commentary skills are simply missing, a fact which is hardly surprising given how recently most of them swapped bat for microphone. I suspect I will not have been alone in watching Sky's pictures but occasionally turning down the sound in favour of the *Test Match Special* team on Radio 5 Live and the dulcet tones of Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Jonathan Agnew and Neville Oliver — and the rather less dulcet views of Geoffrey Boycott.

In Boycott's absence from the Sky commentary box, much responsibility has fallen on the stooped shoulders of Gower. His charisma and his natural affability, I believe, point to a bright future as a true commentator rather than an expert summariser, a distinction not recognised in the current Sky line-up, which summarises right down to its tail.

Conversely, Bob Willis's outspoken views and bone-dry humour make him a splendid summariser, but make him about as good at opening the commentating for Sky as he would have been opening the batting for England. Poor Martin McCague may not have known what he was doing, but it's surely not the job of a lead commentator to state it as a gospel truth.

ERIC WHITEHEAD



The moment of truth awaits Doherty, right, and the seated Hendry as they compose themselves backstage at Preston before going out to start the final

Dazzling Hendry scales new heights

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry equalled two of his own records and broke another as he displayed an unprecedented level of break-building on the way to establishing a 5-3 first-session lead over Ken Doherty in the final of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship at Preston yesterday.

As remarkable as Hendry's performance was, Doherty did well to remain in touch. Even by his own exceptional standards, Hendry was magnificent, but he still found it impossible to shake off Doherty, who was terrier-like in his persistence throughout the afternoon.

Doherty, the world No 7, accounted for the first frame with a 72, but, when Hendry put together an academic 46 clearance, presumably for some early potting practice, nobody could have anticipated the heights to which he would then rise.

Breaks of 112, 114, and a 130 total clearance — which superseded his 128 against Willie Thorne in the last 16 as the highest break of the event's televised phase — enabled Hendry to move 3-1 ahead. It is only the twelfth time in the history of the game that a trio of consecutive centuries have been constructed.

It is a measure of Hendry's phenomenal talent that he has achieved the feat on three occasions, the second time only nine days ago against Thorne. The fact that three successive hundreds have been recorded four times in the space of a month also speaks volumes about the standards that now prevail on the professional circuit.

After being on the receiving end of such a barrage, Doherty, who beat Hendry 9-7 to retain his Regal Scottish Masters title in late September, desperately needed a positive response and it came in the form of a decisive 71 break in the fifth frame.

Hendry had hardly missed a pot to that point, however, and the Scot knocked in four recovery shots that defied belief in fashioning his fourth century of the session, a 109, in the next frame to bring up 4-2.

The first significant misjudgment from Hendry finally arrived in the seventh frame. From 9-44 in arrears, Hendry made 52, but, just when Doherty seemed certain to suffer another body blow, Hendry missed a long brown. By clearing to the black, Doherty rallied to 3-4.

Such mistakes normally tend to affect Hendry's efficiency in the following frame, but thoughts of the blunder did not linger this time. At 0-20, Doherty played a weak safety and Hendry ruthlessly ran in a 106 break to leave himself requiring five of the remaining 11 frames last night to collect the £70,000 first prize.

Hendry's quintet of hundreds carried his total for the championship to 10. That equalled the record for the most by a single player in a world ranking tournament, originally set by Hendry in the 1993 International Open when most of the matches were best-of-nine-frame sprints.

It was also only the second time that five centuries have been registered by a player in one session — the feat was first accomplished by Hendry during a 9-3 victory over John Parrott in the semi-finals of the United Kingdom championship last year.

Hendry, a player who rarely surrenders a substantial lead, almost did precisely that before beating Peter Ebdon 9-8 in an exciting semi-final on Saturday evening. The world champion did not display the authority that had been such a feature of his comfortable wins over Thorne and Darren Morgan in the previous two rounds, but when he led 4-0, 6-3 and 8-5, only one outcome appeared possible.

Ebdon, the world No 10, then provided further proof of his resolve and unwillingness to accept defeat by drawing level at 8-8. While Ebdon, last year's grand prix champion, included breaks of 54, 44, 87 and 63, Hendry managed to aggregate only 29 points in three frames.

By this time, the statisticians were scouring their record books in an attempt to list Hendry's defeats after he had held a commanding advantage. The only collapse they could come up with was when he lost 6-5 to Gary Wilkinson in the quarter-finals of the 1992 Scottish Masters.

Additional consultation of his career record was rendered unnecessary when Hendry, despite initially missing a blue, a pink and a green, eventually cleared green to pink to edge home a relieved 9-8 winner.

"I was upset with my concentration. It wasn't as good as it should have been," Hendry said. Ebdon, on the other hand, derived satisfaction from his fightback. "My only weakness was not knowing how strong I was. I've proved to myself that I've got what it takes . . . and now Stephen knows exactly what I'm made of," he said.

Be that as it may, Ebdon, or indeed any of the other challengers to Hendry's world No 1 position, would surely have found it impossible to live with him on the form he exhibited in the first session of the final last night.

RESULTS: Semi-final: S Hendry (Scot) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 9-8. Final: Hendry leads K Doherty (Rep of Ire), 5-3. Frame scores (Hendry first): 46-72, 112-0, 114-9, 130-0, 10-71, 109-23, 61-68, 106-20.

Slough swagger to head of the table

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT WAS 1992 when Slough last won the national women's hockey league. They won it three times in a row and in those days there was an arrogance about the squad as if the trophy belonged to them by right.

The arrogant swagger is still there — Slough seldom believe they have any place losing a match — and, after Saturday's performance, deservedly so, as they put themselves three points clear at the top of the premier division.

In the space of four minutes they snatched the game away from Ipswich and then showed the Suffolk side what winning is all about. A brilliantly-taken goal by Sally Eyre caught Ipswich unawares. It was followed moments later by Mandy Nicholls who was allowed space to crack in her shot from a penalty corner.

From then on Ipswich were chasing lost causes and unable to stop Slough sweeping forward whenever they chose. And it was the Ealing connection doing the most damage. Both Eyre and Nicholls joined Slough from Ealing at the start of the season and are revelling in their new surroundings.

Eyre was the target for many of the moves in the first half, looking fast and feisty, always with an eye for half a chance. After the break it was Nicholls who forced the Ipswich goalkeeper, Jo Thompson, to prove her international reputation to avert the danger in the first minute and then put her goal under threat a few minutes from time.

The two signings have so far served Slough well with Nicholls top of the goal scoring list with nine and both have impressed Lesley Hobley, the captain. "Mandy has played tremendously well up front," she said. "We knew she was a classy and skillful player but she has also worked very hard for everyone else. Sally has taken a little longer to settle but now she has scored two goals in two games so we can't complain."

And there will be few complaints in the clubhouse. Slough played very well for 35 minutes and as well as they had to for the remainder.

England hindered by lack of goals

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN SYDNEY

JON Potter, the England captain, was quick to explain why his side had scored only two goals in three matches after their 1-1 draw with Argentina in the World Cup hockey tournament.

"We are defending well, building up well, creating chances, earning corners, but I think the boys are a little tense inside the circle," Potter said. "They are all good goalscorers and they just need to relax a bit. It's just a phase teams go through."

England appeared unlucky to have been deprived of a goal from a short corner just before half-time on Saturday, when McGuire's shot was ruled to be too high. Earlier, a shot from England's second short corner had just missed the near post.

The England manager, David Whittle, took a firmer view on the lack of goals than his captain: "We can make all the excuses we like about not putting the ball in the net, but this is the third time in which we have not done it and you are not going to be successful if you don't do it," he said.

It was a game of lost opportunity and inhibited forward play. Seven short corners and as many clear chances in the second half came to nothing because of faulty trapping and erratic shooting.

Argentina went ahead in the seventeenth minute indirectly from a short corner. The ball flew high into the air off an England stick and Moresi was on the spot to slot in a cross pass from Perez. In the 44th minute, Laslen equalised in similar fashion, pouncing on the rebound from Garcia's shot at a short corner.

Australia and Pakistan offered the best example of how attractive hockey can be when two teams seek victory — an attitude sadly missing from much of this World Cup. Pakistan won 2-1 but paid a price: Shahbaz Ahmed, the captain, pulled a hamstring and left the field after setting up both goals for the centre forward, Kamran Ashraf. Australia's goal was scored by Birmingham from a penalty stroke.

Pakistan seem certain to qualify for the semi-finals on Wednesday when they play Belorussia, the weakest side in the pool. England and Australia may decide the pool's other place in the semi-finals with their match tomorrow.

In yesterday's pool B matches, South Africa were within four minutes of their first victory when India scored from a short corner to square the match at 2-2. India took the lead in the third minute with a goal from a short corner by Anil Aldrin, but South Africa retaliated with goals at the twelfth and nineteenth minutes by Clark and Anderson.

A penalty stroke to India was awarded in the 59th minute after the South Africa goalkeeper, Myburgh, had up-ended the Indian centre-forward, Dhanraj Pillay. Shakeel Ahmed, who took the stroke, put it against the crossbar, but India were reprieved when Aldrin converted a short corner in the 66th minute. This was South Africa's third successive drawn match.

The fast and skilful South Koreans defeated Belgium 7-2, but the eagerly-awaited match between Holland, the Cup holders, and Germany, the Olympic champions, ended goalless in rising temperatures and stifling humidity. Both sides tightened their defences, allowing little scope for attacks to develop, and scoring chances were few. Van den Honert missed the best chance for Holland in the second half and Tewes returned the compliment for Germany.

RESULTS

Pool A

Argentina 1 England 1, Spain 4 Belorussia 1, Pakistan 2 Australia 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pakistan	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Australia	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
England	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Spain	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Argentina	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Belorussia	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

Pool B

South Korea 7 Belgium 2, South Africa 2 India 2, Holland 0 Germany 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	2	1	0	12	5	5
Germany	3	1	2	0	7	1	4
South Korea	3	1	1	1	7	4	3
India	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
South Africa	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Belgium	3	0	0	3	3	21	0

LEADING SCORERS: 7: T van den Honert (Holl). 4: S Meinhardt (Ger), Kamran Ashraf (Pak) 3: J Amau (Sp). 2: S Veen (Holl), Wasim Feroze (Pak), G Pereira (India), T Zaman (Pak), E Vandergracht (Bel), Shin Seok-kyo (S Kor), Kang Keon-wook (S Kor), A Aldrin (India)

Zeller-Baehler caps ten-year career

HEIDI Zeller-Baehler, of Switzerland, claimed the first World Cup skiing victory of her ten-year career in the season-opening giant slalom at Park City, Utah. Third after the first run, Zeller-Baehler, 27, was unruffled by a sudden snow flurry on the course and her two-run time of 2min 22.03sec was enough to relegate the first-run leader, Sabina Panzanini, of Italy, to second place with 2min 22.44sec.

Eight inches of snow fell in Utah before the race, but warm weather in Europe continues to disrupt the men's World Cup. The downhill at Val d'Isère next Saturday and super-giant slalom on Sunday are the latest casualties: they could be switched to December 10 and 11, taking the place of racing scheduled for Val Gardena, Italy, where there is also a lack of snow. The first races to be postponed, in Sestriere, Italy, will take place next weekend, provided conditions improve.

Chinese test positive

ASIAN GAMES: Chinese competitors in last month's Games have tested positive for drugs, it was reported yesterday. No details were given by the Kyodo news service in Japan of individuals, numbers or the sports in which the Chinese competed. Tests were being conducted on B samples to confirm the results. All the samples, taken after competitors finished their events in the Games, were tested at a Tokyo laboratory.

On Wednesday, the International Swimming Federation (Fina) banned Yang Aihua, China's 400 metres freestyle world champion, for two years after she tested positive for excessive levels of testosterone. She was testedjust before the Asian Games on September 30.

Swedes at the double



TENNIS: Jan Apell, and Jonas Bjorkman, right, of Sweden, won the ATP world doubles championship by beating Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, of Australia, in nearly four hours in Jakarta yesterday. The match see-sawed between the increasingly-fatigued pairs in the final tie-break, before the Swedes clinched victory on the fourteenth match point 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Smith retains title

TRIATHLON: After what has been a disappointing year, Spencer Smith, of Great Britain, retained his world title in Wellington, New Zealand, yesterday. More success for Britain came in the junior men's category with Richard Allen collecting his second world silver medal in seven days and leading the team to second place. Last weekend, in Tasmania, Allen was runner-up at the duathlon world championships. Australia took all team golds in Wellington.

Hammond turns odds

CYCLING: Roger Hammond, 20, the British amateur cyclo-cross champion, yesterday upstaged his professional opponents by winning the Greater London international championship at Addington Hills, Croydon. Hammond, who had not completed the demanding 15-mile switchback race in seven previous attempts, defeated Steve Douce by 23sec, a margin that surprised him because of his poor record on Douce's home course.

Snow shows true grit

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, of Britain, the world's leading amateur, retained his British Land British Open championship title with a gritty victory over Lachie Deuchar, of Australia, at the Queen's Club, London. Snow beat Wayne Davies, the former world champion, in the semi-final despite trailing by two sets and 1-4 in the third. He started more positively against Deuchar and won in four sets to take the title for the third year in a row.

Jensen transfer inquiry

FOOTBALL: The FA Premier League is looking into allegations of another controversy at Arsenal after Paul Merson's confessions about drugs and alcohol. The latest concern is over the transfer of the Denmark midfield player, John Jensen, from Brondby two years ago. The *Sunday Mirror* highlighted accusations made in a book, *The Men Behind Brondby*, that a "top official" at Arsenal received a cash sum from an agent who set up the deal.

Taimazov lifts records



WEIGHTLIFTING: Timur Taimazov, right, of Ukraine, set two world snatch records in the 108-kilogram class at the world championships in Istanbul, lifting 198 then 200 kilograms. His clean-and-jerk lift of 235.5 kilograms also provided him with an overall world record, of 435.0 kilograms. Alexander Kurlovich, of Belorussia, set a world snatch record of 205.0 kilograms in the open category.

Mann falls in final

BADMINTON: Lim Xiao Qing, the Sweden-based Chinese player, won the Scottish Open championship singles title in Glasgow yesterday, beating Julia Mann, of Solihull, 11-3, 11-0 in the final. She lost only 15 points in her four matches in the tournament. The victory also moved her from third to second in the women's world rankings. "I just couldn't get the winning shots," Mann said after Lim's well-disguised array of shots consistently found her out of position.

Huddersfield run riot

RUGBY LEAGUE: Huddersfield, already holders of the world record score, increased it 80 years on with a 142-4 defeat of Blackpool Gladiators in the first round of the Regal Trophy on Saturday. Yesterday, Barrow fell narrowly short in a 138-0 victory over Nottingham. Wigan equalled the best start to a season, by Widnes in 1981, with a thirteenth successive league win yesterday, a 46-0 defeat of Oldham in the Stones Bitter championship.

Harris's ban lifted

ATHLETICS: Danny Harris, the Olympic 400 metre hurdles silver medal-winner, had his four-year doping ban lifted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday. Harris, 29, who was banned in 1992 after testing positive for cocaine, is being reinstated because the IAAF has recognised he has broken his dependency on cocaine. The American authorities had already reinstated him and he has run in four European meetings this year.

Raith finally take advantage of Celtic's weak spot



Nicholas: gave Celtic lead

Raith Rovers.....2
Celtic.....2
(Raith win 6-5 on pens)

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

RAITH Rovers achieved the most extraordinary feat in the modern history of Scottish football by climbing all the way from their berth in the first division to defeat Celtic and win the Coca-Cola Cup final. They did so by clinching a penalty shoot-out 6-5 at Ibrox yesterday.

The decisive miss came from the Celtic captain, Paul McStay, who, charged with keeping his team in contention, struck the sixth penalty a little too high and allowed Scott Thomson to make a fine save on his right-hand side.

Celtic, with every advantage that money can suppply, ought to have won, but they are due no sympathy for their inability to take a few of the frequent second-half chances that would have ended the contest. Raith's capacity for accepting their luck and pressing on, when panic would have been understandable, was the decisive quality of the day and it helped pluck them a wildly implausible place in the Uefa Cup next season.

The source of their resilience was the 38-year-old sweeper, David Narey, who won the man-of-the-match award. He had collected this trophy as long ago as 1979, while with Dundee United, but yesterday the passage of time appeared to have pared away little of his ability. Against Celtic, he was the same player who has made a career out of of being a foot or two ahead of the forwards time after time.

Jimmy Nicholl's cup-winners, however, were not dependent on their veterans. His side included several fresh young faces who proved influential. The oldest member of Raith's trio in midfield was the Colin Cameron, 22. These men, seemingly free of nerves, ran with a pace and brio that irked Celtic all day. It was therefore fitting that it should be one of the band who gave the Fife club the lead after 18 minutes.

Broddle's outswinging corner on the left reached Stephen Crawford in an unpromising position amid a clutter of defenders. All three markers, however, were tentative and the darting Raith player spun away to deliver a drive low into the corner of the net.

Earlier, Celtic had been goaded by the giant video screens erected at Ibrox by the sponsors. Some prankster had tinkered with the software to ensure that one message appeared congratulating Raith on winning the Coca-Cola Cup, followed by another comprised of a single repeated word: Rangers.

Form that has seen Celtic trudge through their last eight league matches without a win suggested weak powers of recovery, but their resurgence arrived from the endeavour of one man: Tom Boyd. His willingness to charge on the left saw him cut inside and fire against a post in 31 minutes. Within seconds, Celtic were level. The ball was played out to Boyd again and his deep cross was nodded back across goal by Galloway for Walker to head into the net.

After five years without a trophy, Celtic are a haunted club and it was anxiety that prevented them from successfully conducting an exorcism after the interval. Opportunities were abundant. Galloway pulled one low ball back, but Boyd, faced with an empty goal, prodded wide.

Celtic moved ahead in 84 minutes when Nicholas rammed in a rebound after Walker's drive had cannoned from a post. Nicholas scored the winner in 1982, when Celtic last took this trophy, but the club is, at present, too jinxed for fairytale endings. Four minutes from time, Raith's 20-year-old, Dair, shot firmly from outside the area and Marshall fumbled the ball into the air for Dalziel to stoop and head his side level.

Celtic were crushed by that goal and their efforts to reassert themselves lacked conviction, while one could almost see Raith gathering their strength of mind for the penalties to come. Dennis, Dair, Cameron, Crawford, McAnespie and Rowbotham were all to score from the spot, embodying a spirit of defiance that was, at the end, too much for Celtic.

RAITH ROVERS (5-3-2): S Thomson — S McAnespie, S Dennis, D Narey, D Sinclair, J Broddle (sub: J Rowbotham, 93min) — J Dair, C Cameron, S Crawford — G Dalziel (sub: I Redford, 112). A Graham
CELTIC (3-4-1-2): G Marshall — A Mowbray, B O'Neil, M McNally — M Galloway, P McStay, J Collins, T Boyd — C Nicholas (sub: P Byrne, 98) — A Walker, S Donnelly (sub: W Falconer, 93)
Referee: J McCluskey

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MARC ASPLAND



Stewart's run is checked by Williams, the Derby County defender, during Wolverhampton Wanderers' defeat at Molineux yesterday

Wednesday rue many missed chances

Relief for Ellis as Villa come by a Little luck

Aston Villa.....1
Sheffield Wednesday.....1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE return of the prodigal son, for that is the romantic gloss Villa chairman Doug Ellis likes to put on appointing Brian Little as his tenth manager, began in ecstacy, passed through despair and ended in mighty relief yesterday.

That this FA Carling Premiership encounter should have ended in a 1-1 draw was, at best, mild evidence of a talismanic quality that the panic of a change of manager this early in the season has brought to Villa Park. Certainly, Little's opening day began with a goal to the good, the game was then almost completely taken over by the superior passing and control of Sheffield Wednesday and a draw represented a change from the barren misfortune that the previous Villa manager, Ron Atkinson, complained about so bitterly.

However, this was not a game that could shake from the mind the ethical issues that the previous week has been all about. Little had walked out on the remaining 2½ years of his Leicester City contract, just as he had walked out on a similar contract with Darlington to join Leicester in 1991. He swore, 24 hours before accepting the Villa job, that his motive was personal, not connected with any beckoning call from Ellis. What fools must the Villa chairman take us for when he insists that he, one of the Football Association's councillors, has drafted a new code of conduct against the poaching of managers? Little, twice fired in mid-contract, twice betraying contracts, is a member of the League Managers' Association committee; Ellis sits on the FA and insists that he has appointed Little "by the book".

What book is that? *Jungle Book?* But let us, please, now concentrate on the play.

Let us, at once, acknowledge the stunning goal from Peter Atherton who, from fully 30 yards, half-volleyed the ball off the underside of the bar and high into the angle of the bar and post above the head and outstretched right hand of Bosnich. We should acknowledge this not least because Atherton, a journeyman defender, has never struck a ball so cleanly and optimistically. He has scored only once previously, for Wigan Athletic.

Atherton's goal, in the 58th minute, was the equaliser. Villa, using the dynamic pace of Saunders throughout the first half, had stretched Wednesday to vulnerable limits — and yet, though it was Saunders who must have been impressing his new boss, the opening goal fell to Dalian Atkinson, a player otherwise so anonymous that he was substituted before the end.

Fell to him is the correct description. The goal emanated from a corner on the right by Parker. First, McGrath won the ball with a powerful header from 12 yards, then Saunders rose like a salmon at the near post and, when Pressman could only parry his header, the ball rebounded straight to Atkinson, who showed no mercy with a shot from six yards.

It seemed as if the sheer energy that Villa were putting into the game would overrun Wednesday. The visitors had no penetration — a legacy of injuries to Hirst, Bright, Waddle and Ingesson. Yet, if managerial words at half-time are worth anything like the sums on their contracts, it appeared that Trevor Francis earned his corn.

After half-time, his team bewitched and bamboozled Villa. Wednesday's passing, along the ground, swift and original, centred on Sheridan, an Irish international whose qualities as a rhythm master on his day are hypnotic. He induced both flank players — Petrescu on the right and Sinton on the left — to be far more urgent in their approach. He had Hyde, a terrier, at his side and, up front, Bart-Williams suddenly found the leggy confidence, zip and willingness to work.

The timing of Atherton's right-foot shot was quite exemplary. The ball came to him, those 30 yards out, courtesy of Bosnich, struggling to cope with a badly-directed back pass from King. But, before and after that goal, Sheffield had swarmed around Bosnich's goal like bees to the honeypot: they could, and should, have had more goals.

So Brian Little was reprieved. He has six days now before his next match, away to Leicester City. At the start of this season, the hero of Leicester's rise to the Premiership, Little had written in the programme: "In the coming months, I'm going to find out more about myself and all of my players." Keep looking in the mirror, Brian, and let us know what it says.

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ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — E Barrett, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, P King — G Parker, G Fenton, K Richardson, R Houghton — D Atkinson (sub: G Whittingham, 78mins), D Saunders.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (3-5-2): K Pressman — A Pearce, D Walker, I Nolan — P Atherton, D Petrescu, G Hyde, J Sheridan, A Sinton — C Bart-Williams, G Watson (sub: I Taylor, 80)
Referee: G Poll.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

	Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	16	36	+22	WWWWW
2	16	35	+21	WWWWD
3	16	34	+17	WWLD
4	16	30	+13	WWWDL
5	16	28	+11	WDWWL
6	16	25	+12	LDLWW
7	16	24	+5	DLWDL
8	16	24	+1	LDDLW
9	16	22	-3	WLDWW
10	16	21	-2	LDDWD
11	16	20	+2	DDLLD
12	16	19	-3	WWWLD
13	16	18	-6	WLLDD
14	16	17	-6	DLDWD
15	16	16	-11	WLWWL
16	16	17	-8	LLWLL
17	16	16	-8	WWLWL
18	16	16	-8	LLLWD
19	16	14	-12	DWDWW
20	16	12	-12	LLLWL
21	16	11	-16	LWLLD
22	16	10	-18	LLLDL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Johnson blocks Wanderers' path

Wolverhampton Wdrs.....0
Derby County.....2

BY PETER BALL

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers yesterday missed a chance to return to the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division when, for the second successive Sunday, they came off worst in front of the ITV cameras, going down supinely to their second home defeat in three games.

Afterwards, they walked into criticism from their manager, Graham Taylor, which far outweighed anything Derby County had succeeded in throwing at them: "We gave away a goal with rank bad defending and then collapsed," Taylor said.

"You can perhaps play the game with your head, but you can't play if you've got no heart and it went out of the players today and never reappeared. Today, we had players in Wolverhampton Wanderers shirts who sadly let down that shirt.

"What you have here is a big club that desperately wants to get into the Premiership. You have got to have players with the temperament, the bottle and the will, call it what you will, to be able to dig in and play when things aren't going well, but today we fell woefully short."

Derby, too, have had their problems this season, with their chairman, Lionel Pickering, openly questioning the players' motivation under Roy McFarland, the manager. There was no question yesterday.

Not for the first time this season, Derby's lowly position seemed a complete mystery. Even without five regular first-team players, they were well worth their third win in four games. Wolverhampton had no answer to the pace and incisiveness of their breaks.

With Stallard a willing accomplice, claiming his first league goal for Derby, Gabbiadini was not seriously missed as Johnson gave the two home central defenders a testing afternoon, while, at the back, Derby's reserve full backs had excellent games. When needed, Sutton, the goalkeeper, was immaculate.

By contrast, Wolverhampton had little to offer apart from an excellent probing midfield display by Ferguson and the occasional burst by Froggatt. The pair had little support. Thomas and Stewart, the two players in the side to gain caps during Taylor's reign as England manager, looked pedestrian and the Ireland international, Kelly, hit his one real chance high into the stand before a collision off the ball ended his afternoon with suspected concussion.

Had Wolverhampton been awarded a penalty kick in virtually their first attack, things might have been different. On Wednesday, trailing by a goal to Bolton Wanderers, a reportedly dubious penalty rescued them. The manager's cliché has it that these things even themselves out in time. In this instance, the time was short, Derby escaping when Carsley handled Thomas's effort on the line. It was virtually the last time Wolverhampton looked like scoring.

Derby, though, were a constant threat. They should have gone ahead almost immediately, but Johnson shot wastefully wide as he broke through. He was to make amends after 15 minutes as a Wolverhampton boot turned an attempted clearance into an up-and-under. Simpson won the header to put Johnson through to beat Stowell.

From that moment, the only real question was how many Derby would win by. They scored only once more, but a splendid goal it was, Johnson and Simpson carving open the home defence for Johnson to cross and Stallard to place his header back across Stowell and into the far corner.

The goals took Derby up to eleventh; more pertinently, they are only three points away from a play-off position.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — M Rankine, P Blades, M Venus, A Thompson (sub: J Smith, 70min) — P Birch, D Ferguson, G Thomas, S Froggatt — P Stewart (sub: N Emblen, 67) D Kelly
DERBY COUNTY (4-4-2): S Sutton — J Kavanagh, C Short, P Williams, S Nicholson — J Harkes, M Kuhl, L Carsley, P Simpson — T Johnson, M Stallard
Referee: J Lloyd.

Cunningham proves age is no barrier

THE last thing the Worthing Bears basketball club wants to be reminded of is the average age of its starting five — well into the mid-thirties (Nicholas Harling writes). It will increase even more if the club is successful in its bid to sign Sam Stiller, the veteran English playmaker, now that his Israeli club, Hapoel Haifa, has folded.

However, if Stiller moves to the South Coast, he will be joining players young in spirit, if old in years — none of them older than Alan Cunningham, their player-coach, who is six years longer in the tooth than the 37 he owns up to. In the absence of Neil McElduff, the club's game-coach, on Saturday, Cunningham made a more significant contribution than usual. "I had come to the conclusion that I needed to be on from the start," he said modestly.

With Cunningham's help, the Bears put their recent poor spell further behind them by winning their third successive match — and their 94-84 victory came the hard way, against Doncaster Panthers, who had subjected the Bears to a harrowing first quarter.

Nine of the game's 19 three-pointers came during an extraordinary first five minutes, including six for the Panthers, who finished with 12 in all, among them seven from Chris Fite, the game's leading scorer with 34 points. It was when Fite, Greg Modlewski and Doncaster dried up, in the last three minutes, that Worthing scored nine points without reply to take the match.

It is a big week for the Bears: Thursday brings a visit to London Towers, who sprang the other surprise on Saturday by winning 95-82 at Manchester Giants.

Hanley advances to 399

Leeds.....38
Doncaster.....18

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHEREVER the ball was at Headingley yesterday, Ellery Hanley was a pass away. Three tries left the Great Britain rugby league coach on 399 in his career — a case of the gamekeeper polishing up his poaching skills.

Hanley loomed on the shoulders of his Leeds teammates for his touchdowns, the sort of support play that the Australians have made an art. It is what has come naturally to Hanley throughout his 16 playing years.

There was a willingness among those team-mates and on the part of the 11,657 crowd to see Hanley, 33, become only the ninth player to reach 400, but the ball refused to drop just right after his third try, in the 64th minute.

The victory left Leeds clear in second place and the only credible challengers to Wigan. The sides are duo to meet in Leeds on Sunday week, when Wigan could effectively wrap up a sixth successive Stones Bitter Championship title.

A healthy win by Leeds was a brave face masking deficiencies. Doncaster scrapped away at these and they deserved their ten points in the final ten minutes. In the circumstances of John Desmond, the club chairman and financial saviour, deciding to step down after nine years, Doncaster did well to focus as they did. Along with coaching the side, Tony Fisher is also putting together a consortium to try to buy Desmond's shareholding.

Hanley was in receipt of a back flip-pass from Eyres, running wide, for his first score, and Lowes furnished him with the next. The turning point, though, came with the harsh sin-binning of Miller for supposedly flopping on Howard after he was tackled. In those ten minutes, Leeds transformed a 6-8 deficit into an 18-8 half-time lead.

With Cummins overcoming his kicking problem to end with seven goals, Leeds took advantage of some slack marking. Schofield scored his second try, hacking on to touch down, Mercer was put into a big gap and Schofield found the omnipresent Hanley in support for the player-coach's third.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Hanley (3), Schofield (2), Mercer. Goals: Cummins (7). Doncaster: Tries: Bloem (2), Matautia. Goals: Green (3).
LEEDS: A Tait, J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins, G Schofield, P Ertel (sub: E Famelo, 43min), H Howard (sub: N Harmon, 46), J Lowes, G Mann, G Mercer, R Eyres, E Hanley.
DONCASTER: J Bloem; T Manning, V Matautia, M Neal, D Evans, A Green, M Farrar (sub: B Carlyle 46), W Jackson, C Masiell, G Lingard, A Bowes (sub: A Pennant, 23; sub: Bowes, 56), S Whitehorau, A Miller
Referee: D Campbell

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Allenby survives collapse

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SYDNEY

THREE years ago, in the final round of his native Open championship at Royal Melbourne, Robert Allenby, a skinny, prodigiously talented Australian amateur golfer of 20, hit a five-iron to two feet at the 18th hole but was denied victory by some outrageous putting by Wayne Riley, including a 45-footer at the last. Yesterday, at Royal Sydney, Allenby won the Heineken Australian Open, despite the sort of collapse over the final four holes that makes Big Ben look positively stable.

Thirteen under par after 14 holes in which he had coped immaculately with a difficult, swirling wind, netting five birdies and an eagle, Allenby was three strokes ahead of Brett Ogle, the overnight leader. Then the fun began.

Allenby, the winner of the Honda Open in Hamburg in June and seventeenth on the Volvo Order of Merit, bogeyed the 15th after missing the green. Nothing terminal there — Ogle also bogeyed.

At the 515-yard 16th, from a difficult lie in the rough, Allenby shanked his second shot and, visibly unnerved, ran up a double bogey seven. When Ogle, not the most temperamentally equable of men, made par, there was just a shot between them.

Allenby missed the green at the 17th and attempted a delicate pitch with a backswing so constipated that the ball never even reached the putting surface and rolled back down the slope. Somehow, he got down in two more.

The 17th measures 210 yards and, while Ogle was bunkering his tee shot, Allenby was committing the cardinal sin at the 18th, a dogleg left of 402 yards — he drove into the trees on the left. He poked the ball out and found the green with his third, took two putts and staggered off to sign for a round of 70 and a total of 280, eight under par. Then he had to watch and wait while Ogle also made a pig's ear of the last, driving into the trees and failing to hole the ten-footer that would have prolonged the agony into a play-off.

"A bogey, par, bogey, bogey finish doesn't deserve to win the Open," Ogle said, seeking to console himself somehow and not dwelling on the fact that Allenby finished bogey, double bogey, bogey, bogey.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (Australia unless stated): 280: R Allenby 70, 70, 70, 70; 281: B Ogle 69, 68, 70, 74; 282: P Baker (GB) 70, 71, 68, 73; 283: B Faxon (US) 70, 76, 67, 70; G Orr (GB) 76, 68, 68, 71; G Norman 74, 70, 68, 71; 284: D Branstion 69, 73, 70, 72; P Devenport (NZ) 73, 68, 67, 75; 285: L Stephen 73, 69, 70, 73; P Moloney 70, 72, 70, 73; W Grady 70, 68, 74, 73. Selected scores: 288: R Goosen (SA) 73, 71, 74, 70; 289: J Spence (GB) 71, 75, 74, 69; L Westwood (GB) 75, 71, 68, 75; 291: M Calcavecchia (US) 74, 67, 71, 79; 297: A Coltart (GB) 71, 75, 74, 77.

Pied Piper of the Palace revels in pardon and perfection



Grobbelaar enjoys his Selhurst Park welcome



Simon Barnes sees no goals for Crystal Palace or Southampton but discovers plenty of understanding for Grobbelaar

In what was, for a taxi-driver, almost a tone of respect, my driver said: "Oh, you write for a *proper* paper, then."

"Well, I . . . "

"Bet you wouldn't work for *The Sun*, would you?"

"Well, I don't think . . . "

"It's all lies, isn't it. I mean, I don't believe a word of what they said about that Grobbelaar. I don't reckon he did it, do you?"

"I hope . . . "

"And that Princess Di, I reckon they should leave her alone. I mean, she's got enough to deal with. *The Sun* wants to get off her back. They want to leave that Grobbelaar alone, too. Makes me sick, what that paper gets up to."

"What paper do you read?"

"*The Sun*."

I am not sure what the moral of this story is, but I do know that Bruce Grobbelaar, like the Princess of Wales in her own circumstances, received *nothing* but warmth and affection when he played his first away game since the above newspaper published its allegations of match-fixing, which Grobbelaar has vigorously denied.

Grobbelaar could not have wished for a better fixture to resume his away duties. Home supporters are traditionally merciless to a visiting player who has suffered any kind of public embarrassment, but Selhurst Park is not a seething cauldron of passion. Grobbelaar was able to kick in at a goal with a single spectator behind it: a man peering over a wall like Mr Chad. It was the Chad's duty to boot stray balls back from the building site where a new stand is being put together.

After ten minutes, Grobbelaar trotted back to the tunnel. Nearby spectators, all Palace supporters, gave him a sympathetic ripple of applause. Grobbelaar stopped, pressed the flesh, signed autographs, smiled. The arduous part of his day was over. The crowd, like the taxi-driver, had decided to like him.

Grobbelaar went on to keep a clean sheet. He has not conceded a goal since his return to the fray. The Palace keeper, Martyn, was also unbeaten, but Martyn needed the help of the woodwork, rapped three times in the last quarter of an hour. Grobbelaar needed no such luck, but then he had the Palace forwards to help him. There were a couple of shots straight at him and a few crosses to leap and plunge for. Grobbelaar did all that with his usual panache.

It was, though, an awful game of football, in which players and referee conspired towards mediocrity: shoving and hacking and hoofing, a succession of fits and starts. The World Cup summer has stretched deep into England's autumn, but, on Saturday, you could feel, despite the warmth, that winter was kicking in. A quality not of climate but of soul.

So there wasn't really much to do apart from admire Grobbelaar and that enviable quality of stretchiness he brings to every catch. In truth, saves are not the most important aspect of goalkeeping. The crucial skill is preemptive: accuracy of vision, boldness of thought. Palace did not offer much to test these traits in Grobbelaar.

With 15 minutes to go, Le Tissier's alarm clock went off. It might have been a different game had he set it for three o'clock, or even four o'clock, but, on an afternoon like this, we were thankful for what we could get. Southampton stepped up the pace, sensing a game here for the taking, never mind it had been exactly that for 75 minutes. Heaney hit the bar with a long-range wallop and then Le Tissier tried one from 25 yards. Martyn let it go. It dipped spectacularly beyond him, but caught the bar. Five minutes later, Le Tissier, clean through, glanced a header onto the outside of the post.

The referee brought out the humane killer and whistled the game out of its misery. At this point, the Palace players almost queued up to shake Grobbelaar's hand. All the Southampton players are behind Grobbelaar: so, it seems, are the opposition. In this mood, the players trooped off. All save Bruce.

He went to the crowd again, patted a small boy on the head, signed a few more autographs, smiled and shook a hand or two. He was welcomed. Nothing like a bribery allegation for turning you into the Pied Piper.

Grobbelaar has been playing it very well over the past couple of weeks. More testing times lie ahead: sharper strikers (Blackburn Rovers in a fortnight) and less gentlemanly crowds. I wonder what newspapers the 14,007 present at Saturday's game read.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — J Humphrey, C Coleman, R Shaw, D Gordon — R Bowry, R Newman, G Southgate, J Salako — C Armstrong, A Preece (sub: B Dyer, 79min).
SOUTHAMPTON (10-11): J Kenna, R Hall, T Widdrington, F Benali, R Ekelund, J Magilton, N Maddison, N Heaney, M Le Tissier, I Dowie — B Grobbelaar
Referee: P Danson

Own goal by Liverpool defender brings taunt from former chairman

Ruddock's error redeems Tottenham



Rob Hughes reports on a day when football values were reversed in an eventful 1-1 draw at Anfield

MALCOLM CROFT



Rush, the Liverpool striker, in acrobatic action for Liverpool against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday

FOOTBALL values were turned on their head at Anfield on Saturday when Tottenham Hotspur congratulated themselves for extricating a point from what could have been a rout. It was not just that the cavaliers of north London defended with a fortress mentality, with eight men forever back, or that Liverpool eschewed enough chances to have buried them. The perversity was prolonged after the lights went down.

From the directors' box, there was Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, gloating with all the base instincts of the old terrace loud-mouth, goading Neil Ruddock, his former centre half, whose own goal had levelled the scores.

Outside, as Gerry Francis, Sugar's new team manager, calmly signed autographs, he acknowledged a voice that said to him out of the darkness: "You're doing a good job, Gerry, keep it up." The voice was a supporter, all right, but Francis seemed barely to notice that it had a Scouse accent. Wasn't it supposed to be a truism in English football that the directors bit their lip and said nice things, while supporters were forever unable to acknowledge virtues in the opposition?

Yes. Ruddock had fallen to the immutable law of the ex. His attempt, in the 77th minute, to clear a magnificent, curling, low centre from the Tottenham left back, Campbell, was carelessly miscued past his own goalkeeper, James — and yes, Ruddock had other moments when he seemed to give the ball away, moments that may have justified a less sarcastic observation than Sugar's "Ruddock always said he wanted to play for Tottenham".

That law of the ex also afflicted Klinsmann. The German was convinced that his past reputation, which he vehemently denies, was the reason the referee denied him a penalty. He had "collided" into Ruddock, but the referee adjudged Klinsmann's reaction to be histrionic and perhaps he did take the past into account. However, to Tottenham's complaints that this was a penalty every bit as clear as the one given to Liverpool in the first half came the response that Redknapp, also, was brought clattering down and also felt aggrieved, as players do.

Having seen the Klinsmann incident a dozen times, from two angles, on video, I still cannot make up my mind. The fact is that what the referee concluded in a split second may well be the correct decision. Klinsmann had infiltrated behind Ruddock, he had moved with a matador's sweep away from James and then he suddenly changed course and ran smack into Ruddock. Who knows the intent of either player? But as Klinsmann sat on the ground, holding his face, it became clear from the video that if Ruddock's arm connected anywhere it was against the German's shoulder — and only as an afterthought did Klinsmann begin holding that part of his anatomy. The Kop chortled "cheat! cheat!" and the game went on, allowing Ruddock, and Sugar, the denouement.

> 'I sit there worrying my guts out and go grey'

"The big guy [Ruddock] who scored is gutted," the Liverpool manager, Roy Evans, observed, deploying manager-speak to make his riposte to the taunts of the visiting chairman, but, away from the controversies, there had been the substance of a fine match, exemplified by Liverpool's goal. That it was a penalty is beside the point. It came from the wonderful, sweeping, passing momentum that Liverpool had sustained throughout much of the first half.

The move began when Walker, rightly described as "outstanding" by Francis, made a save and attempted a long clearance. Jones intercepted it with his head on the edge of the Liverpool penalty area and then began a thrilling tattoo of passes. The ball flowed out to the left via Bjornebye to Babb to Barnes.

He, as so often during this match, redirected the play through the centre to Redknapp and then Jones was gliding in support of McManaman on the right. It was their quick interchange of passes along the ground that lured Campbell into the late challenge on McManaman that brought the penalty.

The move had involved nine passes, all at turf level, between six men. Once the Tottenham goal had been breached, it seemed that Liverpool were on their way — but they faltered, failing to show ruthlessness in front of goal, failing, once Barnes had been withdrawn, to sustain and impose the passing quality that, at its height, is the best in Britain.

Nevertheless, how impressive it was to see, after barely a week of Francis's tutelage, the Tottenham team that was not on speaking terms with the word defence, funnelling back with responsiblity, comradeship and sheer effort.

Perhaps nobody embodied this more than Barmby, the England youth team forward, who scurried around on the left of midfield, attempting to put his body in the way of the mesmeric McManaman and the giant Campbell.

When, at half-time, it was clear that Anderton could not continue, Francis instituted a reshuffle — Popescu slipped back masterfully into the defence as sweeper, Dumitrescu, his Romanian countryman, came on to try and inspire the counter-attacks.

"Ilie [Dumitrescu] is really a forward player and I had to fill in for him," Francis explained. "I'm not afraid to be flexible, but I like good defending as well as all the attacking that has gone before me at Tottenham.

"It's a joy working with these international forwards, but I don't kick a ball. I just sit there worrying my guts out and go grey." He emphasised that his aim will be a blend of defence and attack, that it will take more than the four days' training he has had with his new players.

His problem is — and always has been — a matter of time and equilibrium. Has he enough time to convert the instincts of his players on the field? Has he enough time and influence to calm a chairman whose own instincts run closer to the terrace follower than the decorum of building a club?

LIVERPOOL (3-4-3): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, J Redknapp, J Barnes (sub: M Thomas, 55min), S I Bjornebye — S McManaman, I Rush, R Fowler
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell — D Anderton (sub: I Dumitrescu, 46), G Popescu, D Howells, N Barmby - E Shenngham, J Klinsmann.
Referee: S Lodge.

Feeble Rangers brushed aside as Rovers take over at the top

Blackburn Rovers 4
Queens Park Rangers .. 0

BY PETER BALL

MANCHESTER United's unhappy week was opportunity enough for their most implacable rivals. With Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton once again in irresistible form, Blackburn Rovers demolished Queens Park Rangers at Ewood Park on Saturday to move a point ahead of the champions at the top of the FA Carling Premiership. The race is on.

After pursuing United so closely last season, it is a moment for Blackburn to cherish: "I said at the beginning of the season that we'd win it this year," Jack Walker, the club's benefactor, said, "and I'm sure we can stay there." We shall see. Two years ago, Blackburn had a spell at the top before their lack of depth told against them. Last season, after chipping away at United's lead so successfully, taking the final step proved beyond them. This year a more powerful squad may take that step unless Blackburn's opponents can summon up more resistance that Rangers offered.

Blackburn are able to exploit such weakness and they did so ruthlessly. They may not be exponents of the beautiful game, but they are relentless rivals, their power too much for all but the most resilient.

It accounted for Rangers, who arrived full of confidence and left shell-shocked. "It was very disappointing," Alan McDonald, their captain, said. "If we had lost 4-0 because Blackburn played oustandingly, that would be one thing, but they didn't. They gave a good, solid performance."

Even without their central defenders, Hendry and Gale, the suspended Wilcox and Batty, who resumes training this week, Blackburn were impressive, but, for the umpteenth time this season, it was the Shearer and Sutton show. They combine power, strength, fierce competitiveness and a good touch to turn defenders into nervous wrecks.

Sutton and Shearer shared all four goals to take their combined tally this to 32. Their main victim was Karl Ready. By the end, he was not so much ever-ready as never-ready, playing an unwilling part in each of the goals.

Sutton began Ready's unhappy afternoon, his low drive taking a deflection off the defender as it went under Dykstra's body. Then Shearer took over, claiming the third hat-trick of his career to move up to join Sutton on 16 goals.

His final goal is already a strong candidate for the goal of the season, a 30-yard drive flashing past Dykstra and in off the bar. The goalkeeper had not moved. "I couldn't even see the shot, it was so fast," Dykstra said.

Yet, if his third goal took the breath away, Shearer's first was equally typical — and more important. Minutes after Flowers had made the best save of the afternoon to tip aside Gallen's header, Shearer ended any chance of Rangers interrupting Blackburn's remorseless progress.

Sutton flicked on Le Saux's free kick and Shearer pounced, wrestling aside the hapless Ready to score from close range. It was a goal based on determination and muscle, as characteristic as the startling drive for his third. "It doesn't matter to me whether I score from one yard or 30 as long as they go in," Shearer said. "I wouldn't care if I got a hat-trick with three penalties."

On this occasion, there was one penalty, Ready bringing down Ripley from behind as the winger burst past him. Rangers protested vigorously at the time and the *Match of the Day* cameras suggested that Ready had indeed got a faint touch to the ball — but is that enough?. Henning Berg might sympathise with Ready, but, like Gerald Ashby, Joe Worrall was surely right.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — P Warhurst, I Pearce, H Berg, G Le Saux — S Ripley (sub: A Wright, 83min), T Sherwood, M Atkins, R Shearer — A Shearer, C Sutton (sub: M Newell, 83).
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): S Dykstra — S Yates, K Ready, A McDonald, C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker, S Hodge, T Sinclair — L Ferdinand, K Gallen.
Referee: J Worrall.

Gabriel Batistuta scored for Fiorentina yesterday for the eleventh consecutive match. It is a record for the start of the *Serie A* season.

Royle's blues get brighter

Chelsea 0
Everton 1

BY OLIVER HOLT

IF YOU stand on a particular street corner at the edge of Stanley Park half-an-hour before a Liverpool home game, you see a car stop and a stocky figure get out to begin the walk to Anfield. Joe Fagan, the club's manager for a brief spell in the mid-Eighties, shakes hands and shares jokes with people along the way.

Fagan belongs on Merseyside in a way that neither Graeme Souness nor Kenny Dalglish, for all the affection they inspired, ever could. Liverpool was not just a managerial port of call for him, a place on which he could turn his back if things went wrong. He was part of the community. To the supporters, he was "one of us".

It was never quite like that for Mike Walker, the recently-departed Everton manager. Perhaps because of the pressure that was on him from the start, he seemed ill-at-ease at Goodison Park, too obviously striving to create a bond with his surroundings and to immerse himself in the club.

Joe Royle, who took over from Walker a fortnight ago, is not the blue equivalent of Fagan, either. His ties with the club, for whom he was a prolific centre-forward in the early Seventies, have been diluted by an absence of nearly 20 years, but, when he returned to Merseyside, where he was born and his family still lives, it was clear that he was going home.

It would be foolish to suggest that affinity with a city is in any way a guarantee of success at its football club, but, after two wins in his first two games, Royle and Everton seem to have gelled already.

There is an air of optimism and real excitement among Evertonians again — and not just because the club beat Liverpool last week and climbed out of the bottom three with its first away win this season at the new-look Stamford Bridge on Saturday. There is a feeling that the right man is at the helm and that everything is possible.

Everton's victory was secured when Rideout nodded in Limpar's delicate cross six minutes before half-time. The visitors, playing with a new style and purpose, survived by dint of the post when a fine overhead kick from Wise wrong-footed Southall and through three brilliant saves from the Welsh goalkeeper.

Limpar's passing and trickery were a joy to watch and the height of Ferguson and Rideout caused the Chelsea defence endless problems. Afterwards, Royle said: "If anything, we seemed to be playing one ball too many. It was frustrating for the forwards because they did not know when they were going to get the ball. We have worked on getting them a better service and on instilling a bit more passion into their game. Twenty minutes before the kick-off today, they were bursting to get out there."

He said he was keen to sign Ferguson from Rangers: "He has become a cult figure. They love their No 9s up here."

CHELSEA (4-4-2): D Hitchcock — A Barness, J Hoddberg, F Sinclair, S Minto — D Wise, C Burley (sub: G Hoddle, 74min), N Spackman, E Newton (sub: P Furlong, 65) — J Spencer, G Peacock
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — N Jackson, D Watson, D Unsworth, G Ablett — A Hinchcliffe, P Horne, J Parkinson, A Limpar — P Rideout, D Ferguson
Referee: R Hart

Broken English game robs Roy of fluency

Leeds United 1
Nottingham Forest 0

BY IVO TENNANT

AFTER a week in which even Manchester United were exposed in Europe for their technical shortcomings, there was nothing more depressing after such a drab match than to hear a prominent leader of men extol "the wonderful, full-blooded excitement of Premiership football". Managers in England continue to shrink by their own myopia.

The manager in question was not, as might have been supposed, Howard Wilkinson. After seven bookings and a great deal of tedium, Frank Clark was looking to exonerate the players of both teams rather than have any misgivings about standards.

Forest lie fifth and Leeds sixth in the FA Carling Premiership, so they should have come up with something better than "a typical English game", as Clark put it, without appreciating the irony of his words. Take Bryan Roy, whose form suggests he is already beginning to suffer from too many typical English games. He began the season having had scant break after the World Cup and is required to travel to and from Holland for internationals. It is no surprise that he and Collymore are no longer effective.

The strengths that both managers delight in were all too apparent — and predictable. Until Leeds unearth somebody with the subtlety of Giles and Forest deploy Roy more sparingly, advancement will be negligible.

The goal, too, was English in its execution. Deane strove to reach the ball on the byline and his instant cross was headed in with equal briskness by Whelan, who played in spite of being on antibiotics for tonsillitis.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, C Palmer, D Wetherall, A Dorigo — D White, G Speed, G McAllister, R Wallace (sub: P Masinga, 90min) — B Deane, N Whelan (sub: J Pemberton, 90)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — I Wraln, L Bohman, D Phillips, S Stone — B Roy (sub: J Lee, 81), S Colvmore
Referee: P Jones

High on spirit, low on luck

Norwich City 2
Leicester City 1

BY ALYSON RUDD

IT WAS both a debut and a farewell. It was an occasion filled with some fond memories, hopes for the future and the nitty gritty of the here and now — but this is what it is like to be in charge of Leicester City at the moment.

The confusion was only compounded by the fact there were two of them: Tony McAndrew and Kevin Macdonald, youth team coaches at Leicester, were put in joint-charge of the senior team for Saturday's match at Carrow Road. On Tuesday, Brian Little, the then manager, had been in charge. On Wednesday, Allan Evans, his assistant, had taken over. On Friday, it was the turn of the youth team coaches. And tomorrow? The catering department will probably share out the duties until the electrician returns from his holidays.

Saturday, though, was McAndrew and Macdonald's day and they looked like they were on a blind date. Nervous to be there, even more nervous of not being wanted soon afterwards. "Until we're told different, we'll be organising training," McAndrew said, after exchanging a Tweedle Dum-type of glance with Macdonald, his Tweedle Dee.

Perhaps they were contemplating a crack about whether Aston Villa might be looking for new youth team coaches — but then thought better of it.

Who could blame them for wanting to stay with Leicester, for they were desperately unlucky to lose this match. They continued to play with the intense camaraderie and effort that they had exhibited in their midweek FA Carling Premiership victory over Arsenal.

Draper gave Leicester the lead after 23 minutes, connecting with Lowe's pass, and the visitors held on until 12 minutes into the second half. Norwich had not looked like scoring, at least not without some assistance from their opponents — and Poole, the Leicester goalkeeper, obliged. He had both hands on the ball and appeared to have thwarted Newsome's powerful header from Adams's corner, but then somehow let it slip through for the equaliser.

Undeterred, Leicester pressed forward, but the magic potion called "crisis spirit" began to wear off. The excellent Blake started stumbling at embarrassing moments and the best move of the afternoon, when Oldfield released Gee on the right, who crossed to Walsh, should have resulted in a goal, but somehow Newsome intervened. Then Leicester's luck finally ran out when, at the death, Sutch snatched victory for Norwich, firing through a crowded penalty area.

"Football never fails to amaze me," John Deehan, the Norwich manager, said afterwards. Football politics never fails to amaze anyone. Leicester badly need to find some stability in order to harness the spirit that their present turmoil has unearthed.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): B Gunn — D Sutch, J Polston, J Newsome, M Bowen — N Adams, I Crook, M Milligan (sub: J Goss, 70min), D Eadie — M Sheron. (sub: J Cureton, 70), R Newman.
LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — M Blake, J Wise, N Mohan, M Walker — D Oldfield, M Draper, S Thompson, I Ormondroyd — D Lowe (sub: P Gee, 69), S Walsh.
Referee: R Gifford.

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Hughes sent off and five others booked as tempers fray and managers seek excuses

Ale-house football does no credit to game's aristocracy



David Miller at Highbury on a spiteful goalless draw between Arsenal and Manchester United

It was a charming match that I saw on Saturday. Both sides attacked, there was no gamesmanship except from senior mentors on the touchline and some of the football was a sheer delight amid the appealing ambience of late autumn, with its heavy scent of moist earth and bruised grass.

Then, in the afternoon, I went to see Arsenal at home to Manchester United. For most of 90 minutes, more than 38,000 of us groaned at the wanton abuse of the game, in a goalless draw, by those who should know better, not least on account of the wages they earn. That, of course, is part of their problem.

The morning match, formally officiated, had been between under-11 teams of Barnet and Potters Bar in Hertfordshire and the contrast was stark. Indeed, it was enough to make me angry. Of course we are all innocent and pure in youth, borne along by the excitement of discovery and hope and good intentions. If any of those boys had also subsequently travelled to Highbury, their perception of the beautiful game could only have been spoiled. The mercurial skills of Wright, McGoldrick, Cantona and Kanchelskis might have further inflamed youthful ambition, but what about the seven bookings, including the dismissal of Hughes for a second offence?

Manchester United may be twice league champions and Arsenal the Cup Winners' Cup-holders, their sixth trophy in eight years, yet what, ultimately, are they teaching children?

Certainly there has been some exhilarating professional football in 1994, not least by Brazil in winning the World Cup. Yet it has intermittently been a year of abysmal example. A Colombian player was shot dead for losing. Maradona was expelled for drug-abuse.

On the English front, managers continue to walk out on contracts; a goalkeeper is alleged to have sold matches; and now Merson, the England and Arsenal midfield player, admits to being a cocaine addict. Would you put your son on the field, Mr Worthington?

My grandson, who is six, has just learned the special thrill of the drop-kick, which is a bit like discovering the joy of the square cut. He was so enraptured on Saturday morning by the dramas enacted by his near-contemporaries on Barnet Playing Fields that he pleaded for an immediate new pair of boots and spent the rest of the day fantasising on the garden lawn about playing for Norwich City, his fancy. What would Highbury have shown him?

He would have seen a match debased by its aristocrats. He would have seen Gillespie, who is only 13 years older, booked in the first half-minute for lunging with his boot thigh-high at Dixon. He would have seen Dickov, a second-half substitute, antagonising every opponent with whom he came in contact and getting booked in conjunction with the relatively-innocent Butt.

Alex Ferguson and George Graham, the respective managers, suggested discreetly — there was little that was discreet about the match — that the referee's performance left something to be desired. Kelvin Morton, of Bury St Edmunds, was admittedly inconsistent, though five of the bookings were unarguable, and part of the criticism must be that he should have booked ten players or more. Ince was fortunate not to be sent off for the second match running, for a wild tackle on Dickov.

Graham agreed that the players had been "over-committed". Ferguson said, defensively, that the players' physical challenges had been no different from the encounter last year, that the teams "had respect for each other". Managers have become enveloped in a fog of euphemisms, allowing and accepting that the end can justify the means. The truth is that two fine teams now showed continuous disrespect for each other.

Where does irresponsibility by players end and by managers begin? Ferguson has had two players sent off in a week. Ince for dissent in Gothenburg. Hughes, who has been attempting to gain a substantial new, lucrative contract at 31, for petulance at Highbury.

There are times when it seems that nobody is morally in charge in the Highbury dressing-room. Graham has an enviable record in titles gained, an appalling record in club dignity surrendered. There have been fights on the field and incidents off it, most notably the imprisonment of the captain, Tony Adams, for drink-driving, and now Merson "revealing" that he is not only on cocaine but drinking 12 pints a night.

Herbert Chapman once dismissed his trainer for mere unsolicited comments from the bench. The present Arsenal regime, led by an old Etonian, Peter Hill-Wood, appears to tolerate loutish, not to say criminal, behaviour. Merson, in line with contemporary liberal thinking, is to be sympathetically treated as victim rather than villain. He should be so lucky he can afford £140 a night for drugs.

This wretched display was a crying shame, for beneath the unbroken level of "over-commitment" lay a swath of skill. Wright set the crowd alight and United's defence on edge every time he had the ball; McGoldrick tormented Irwin and crossed the ball like an old-fashioned winger. At the other end, Kanchelskis was electric in his sprinting past Winterburn; while the brooding Cantona, who seems to enjoy carrying an air of impending wickedness, so nearly sparked the victory, in the last 15 minutes of each half, that would have kept United on top of the FA Carling Premiership.

Seaman and Walsh were in regular action in goal, so that anyone prepared to turn a blind eye to the intimidation would have said it was an exciting game.

In its way, it was, yet it provided an eloquent illustration of why England find it so hard to build an international team. Nobody ever paused to play the game as they could and should.

The Arsenal supporters were busy chanting in the first half: "There's only one Paul Merson." If only that were true. I fear that football now too often sets a bad example for one's dog, never mind the next generation of teenagers.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — E McGoldrick, J Carter (sub: P Dickov, 46min), J Jensen (sub: M Keown, 68), S Morrow — I Wright, A Smith.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): G Walsh — G Neville, G Pallister, D May, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis (sub: N Butt, 56), P Ince, B McClair, K Gillespie (sub: S Davies, 73) — E Cantona, M Hughes
Referee: K Morton

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Cantona, the Manchester United forward, takes evasive action as Seaman rushes out to save at his feet at Highbury on Saturday



Wright, the Arsenal striker, is shadowed by Pallister

Keegan seethes after equaliser

Newcastle United 1
Ipswich Town 1

BY DAVID POWELL

AT FIRST, Kevin Keegan would not comment on Ipswich; then he said too much. The frustration of the Newcastle manager at seeing his team concede a last-minute goal was understandable, but Ipswich did not deserve the lambasting he gave them.

There can be art in defence as well as in attack and, though the occasion of Andy Cole's comeback cried out for his 86th-minute goal to stand as the winner, it seemed only right that Phil Whelan and David Linighan, the Ipswich centre backs, should not end the day as losers. The man of the match was neither Cole nor Venison, the sponsor's choice. Linighan was and Whelan was not far behind.

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"You would think we were playing a non-League side in the Cup and they had come for a draw," Keegan said. "They were just hoofing it anywhere. I don't know what system they were playing; it baffled me. I have got a lot of respect for John Lyall [the Ipswich manager], and I have always liked the way Ipswich play, but not today. A waste of a Saturday."

After hearing of Keegan's remarks, Paul Goddard, the Ipswich coach, said: "We are bottom of the table and we have been letting goals in. Three of our back four are injured for the season, we are a little club with small resources and we are in the big league. Defending was our priority.

"If we had played attacking football, we might have been beaten five or six. Confidence is low. We are trying to get some results, get the confidence up and then we can play the attacking football we have in some games."

Ipswich were, without argument, unwilling explorers of Newcastle territory after the interval, but they had been as adventurous as Newcastle in the first half. Srnicek saved point-blank from Sedgley and Paz went round the Newcastle goalkeeper only to be denied by a saving tackle from Hottiger. Paz looked more menacing than Cole or Beardsley. One shot from Fox, saved by Forrest, and near-misses from Lee and Beresford, was the sum of Newcastle's first-half penetrations.

In the second half, Newcastle concentrated their attacks down the centre and, with Beardsley assuming a prompting role, having spent the first half partnering Cole, Ipswich were forced into permanent retreat.

By the hour mark, Cole was beginning to get into his stride. He had missed five matches because of shin trouble, but here he seemed healthy, if short of match-fitness. Beresford supplied him with two chances, the first miskicked and the second delivered too speedily across goal, but, when Cole met a Hottiger cross with his head, Forrest needed to be well positioned to save.

Venison thumped a 20-yard drive narrowly over and Fox shot across his target. Cole then hit where it hurt, turning away from two markers into space and firing low from 15 yards.

Naively, Newcastle went seeking a second goal instead of concentrating on preserving their lead. In the dying seconds, Mason sent Thomsen on a run past two defenders and the Dane's shot found the net.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-1-3-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, A Nelson, P Albert [sub: L Clark, 48min], J Beresford — B Venison — R Fox, R Lee [sub: A Mathie, 61), S Watson — A Cole, P Beardsley
IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — E Youds, P Whelan, D Linighan, F Yallop — C Thomsen, G Williams, S Sedgley, P Mason — A Paz, I Marshall (sub: S Slater, 15).
Referee: K Cooper.

Warnock homes in on success

Bristol Rovers 1
Huddersfield Town 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

LITTLE perturbs Neil Warnock these days. On Saturday, the Huddersfield Town manager watched his side slip from the summit of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, saw Pat Scully, his influential central defender, sent off for the most innocuous of challenges and then, at the finish, glanced up as a shower of spittle headed his way as he left the Twerton Park pitch.

Yet Warnock emerged smiling, joking and content with his lot. Happiness is a home back in his native Yorkshire, a club that shimmers in splendour at the new Alfred McAlpine Stadium and a team that produces pressure and precision with equal aplomb.

Allowing Oxford United to take over at the top, losing Scully to a second bookable offence only four minutes into the second half and then facing the unsavoury wrath of disgruntled Bristol Rovers supporters, were mere trivialities. Warnock, 45, is enjoying life too much to dwell on such irritating gnat bites.

"Pat should know better," he said. "You can't breath on anyone once you've been booked. No complaints from me. Once he had gone, though, we played ever so well. The commitment was excellent."

It was an untypical, off-the-cuff display from Huddersfield, mostly dictated by circumstances beyond their usual control. Miller's eleventh goal of the season edged Rovers ahead in the eighth minute, rewarding glossy early endeavour, but Jepson equalised from a casually dispatched penalty on the stroke of half-time, his twelfth goal of the season.



Warnock: contented

Scully's exit prompted a reshuffle, but it was completed smoothly and with minimum alarm. Huddersfield experiencing more of a threat from the mounting card collection — seven yellow, one red — of Jim Rushton, the referee. Though their goal instincts were blunted, they are still the leading scorers in the four divisions.

For Warnock, it was further evidence of the progress he has made since he took over in July last year. On arrival at Huddersfield's old Leeds Road headquarters, the cracks were quickly apparent. "There were not enough winners at the club," he said. "It's taken a while to sort it out and I've had to take a fair bit of flack from the fans along the way, but we're getting there." The bank has stopped pestering them, too.

Huddersfield now has a new team, built cheaply yet tastefully, a new stadium and new hope. Seven attendances of 10,000-plus this season prove the punters have also been infected by Warnock's enthusiasm, while the emergence of Andrew Booth, 21, 15 goals and bags of talent, is another shaft of light.

Booth's asthma problem has now been regulated so that he can use 80 per cent of his lung capacity — it was as low as 30 per cent — and the big boys have come looking. "No way," Warnock said. "We don't want to sell him. Anyway, what's the point in him going off just to play in someone's Central League side? He's more use to us than them at the moment."

Warnock still hankers for a taste of the FA Carling Premiership, preferably amid the McAlpine magnificence, but he does not expect Huddersfield to re-enact the glorious 1920s. If it all goes sadly wrong, though, he can always return to his former profession as a chiropodist. "I'm still very good with ingrowing toenails," he said.

BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2): B Parkin — D Pritchard, A Tillson, W Clark, A Gurney — W Sterling, J Skinner, M Browning, L Archer — M Stewart, P Miller (sub: G Taylor, 85min).
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): K Blackwell — S Trevitt, P Scully, G Mitchell, P Williams — C Billy, R Logan, D Bullock, P Reid — R Jepson, A Booth
Referee: J Rushton

Rovers draw on elder statesman

Carlisle United 1
Doncaster Rovers 1

BY PAT GIBSON

AGE and youth cannot mix, according to Shakespeare, but Sammy Chung and Doncaster Rovers are making a good fist of it. At 62, Chung is the oldest manager in the country; with an average age of 22, Doncaster have one of the youngest sides; together, they are beginning to go places.

They went all the way to Carlisle on Saturday, which is as far north as you can go in the Endsleigh Insurance League without disappearing over the border, and they were as close as anyone has been to taking three points from the third division leaders at Brunton Park this season.

There is no more ambitious club in the land than Carlisle, as you would expect when they have a chairman like Michael Knighton, who once juggled a football in front of the Stretford End to celebrate his purchase, prematurely as it turned out, of Manchester United and has now vowed to put his more modest acquisition alongside them in the FA Carling Premiership.

For the moment, Doncaster have no such lofty pretentions and Chung called it his "biggest challenge" when he took over at Belle Vue in July. It was quite a statement for a man who has experienced most of football's problems and spells at Ipswich, Wolverhampton and Stoke as well as in Sweden and the United Arab Emirates during his 45 years in the game.

Four months on, he has put together a new team in which the central defender, Wilcox, who started with the club as a junior and returned after spells with Cambridge, Northampton and Hull, has played in more league games than the rest of the side between them.

"They know where they stand with me," Chung, who has never wavered from his basic principles, said. "I don't mess them about and they don't mess me about. We work together morning and afternoon on the basic skills of passing and heading and that's what it's all about. Brian Clough doesn't think that's the right way of doing it, but I've been in football all my life and all I would say is that I make 'em and he bought 'em."

That is not strictly true, since it was Brabin, a powerful midfield player bought from Runcorn for £45,000, who was at the heart of this Doncaster performance, stopping the flow of Carlisle's attacks with his biting tackles and impressive distribution.

Carlisle did create more chances, Reeves, the division's leading scorer, smacking one shot against the underside of the bar and missing with two more, but Doncaster caught them napping in defence on the hour when Norbury, newly-signed from Preston, outpaced the veteran Mountfield and squared the ball for Lawrence to shoot past Caig.

After Parrish, the victim of one of several late tackles that went unpunished, had left on a stretcher, Walling headed in direct from a corner seven minutes from time to preserve Carlisle's unbeaten home record in a match that was a credit to both sides.

CARLISLE UNITED (4-3-3): T Caig — D Edmondson, D Walling, D Mountfield, T Gallimore — R Prokas, S Davey, P Conway — D Cuine, D Reeves.
DONCASTER ROVERS (4-4-2): D Williams — R Kirby, C Swales, R Wilcox, W Hackett — J Lawrence, J Mears, G Brabin, S Parrish (sub: J Schofield, 75min) — M Norbury, O Donaldson (sub: G Jones, 74).
Referee: E Parker

LACOSTE

Power sparks Macclesfield's rise

Macclesfield Town 2
Gateshead 1

BY KEITH PIKE

WHAT with allegations about match-fixing, admissions of drug-abuse and managerial shenanigans at the highest level, the petals of English football are being picked off one by one. Thank heavens for the grass-roots game, which, on Saturday, produced that most reassuring of occasions: the good, old-fashioned cliff-hanger.

The scruffy surroundings of Macclesfield's Moss Rose ground, and the vagaries of their ploughed field of a pitch, could not detract from a match of admirable commitment and considerable skill that ended with victory for the Silkmen and a three-point lead at the top of the Vauxhall Conference over Woking, who were beaten at Stalybridge on Saturday and who visit Macclesfield in 12 days' time. No titles are won in December, but, with the two leading contenders gradually pulling clear of the pack, that match will be critical.

With their Kingfield ground ill-equipped for Endsleigh Insurance League football, Woking would not seek promotion. Macclesfield, too, have much work to do and money to spend to be in contention. Yet there can be little doubt that either team would enhance the third division. Gateshead, too, cannot be discounted, and they measure up in all departments. "Any chance of us borrowing your ground?" one Macclesfield follower asked a rival supporter over a beer afterwards. "Only if we can borrow your team," came the reply.

The side assembled by Sammy McIlroy is indeed something to covet and very much a reflection of McIlroy the player in his pomp with Manchester United and Northern Ireland — purposeful, energetic and at their best with the ball at their feet. With his team bogged down for much of the first half, as much by Gateshead's resolute defending as by the conditions underfoot, McIlroy pushed his wingers further forward and attacked down the flanks. Gateshead, ahead through Dobson's 38th-minute penalty, creaked, then cracked.

Both Macclesfield's goals came from Phil Power, an electrician by trade and sparky by nature. Unlucky to be booked for a foul that owed everything to momentum and nothing to malice, then fortunate to be merely spoken to for an ugly, two-footed tackle, he made the most of his reprieve by scoring from close range early in the second half and then heading the winner 13 minutes from time.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): S Farrally — S Locke, N Howarth, S Payne, S Barnson — J Askey, M McDonald, N Sorvel, S Wood (sub: S Tobin, 94min) — P Power, M Midwood
GATESHEAD (4-4-2): I Taylor — K Nobbs, J Wrighton, G Parkinson, A Dowson (sub: A Lamb, 53) — M Farrey, M Hine, B Rowe, K Cramman — P Proudlock, P Dobson (sub: D Robinson, 68)
Referee: S Barnes.

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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (0) 0 MAN UTD (0) 0
38,301

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn, S Morrow, J Jensen (sub: M Keown, 68min), E McGoldrick, J Carter (sub: P Dickov, 45), I Wright, A Smith.
Booked: McGoldrick, Dickov.
Manchester United: G Walsh, D May, G Neville, G Pallister, D Irwin, A Kanchelskis (sub: N Butt, 56), P Ince, B McClair, K Gillespie (sub: S Davies, 73), E Cantona, M Hughes.
Sent off: Hughes (79).
Booked: Ince, Gillespie, Butt, Hughes.
Referee: K Morton.

BLACKBURN (1) 4 QPR (0) 0
Sutton 9 — 21,302
Shearer 56, 66 (pen), 85

Blackburn: T Flowers, T Sherwood, G Le Saux, S Ripley (sub: A Wright, 83min), A Shearer, C Sutton (sub: M Newell, 83), R Slater, H Berg, M Atkins, P Warhurst, I Pearce.
Queens Park Rangers: S Dykstra, C Wilson, S Yates, K Ready, A McDonald, A Impey, L Ferdinand, T Sinclair, S Barker, K Gallen, S Hodge.
Booked: Ferdinand.
Referee: J Worrall.

CHELSEA (0) 0 EVERTON (1) 1
28,115 — Rideout 39

Chelsea: D Kharine, A Barness, J Kjeldbjerg, F Sinclair, S Minto, C Burley (sub: G Hoddle, 73min), E Newton (sub: P Furlong, 65), N Spackman, D Wise, J Spencer, G Peacock.
Everton: N Southall, M Jackson, A Hinchcliffe, D Watson, G Ablett, D Ferguson, B Horne, P Rideout, A Limpar, J Parkinson, D Unsworth.
Booked: Jackson, Ferguson, Limpar.
Referee: R Hart.

C PALACE (0) 0 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
14,007

Crystal Palace: N Martyn, J Humphrey, D Gordon, G Southgate, C Coleman, C Armstrong, J Salako, R Shaw, R Bowry, A Preece (sub: B Dyer, 81min), R Newman.
Booked: Shaw, Bowry.
Southampton: B Grobbelaar, J Kenna, F Benali, J Magilton, R Hall, M Le Tissier, I Dowie, N Maddison, N Heaney, T Widdrington, R Ekelund.
Booked: Hall, Dowie, Heaney.
Referee: P Danson.

LEEDS (0) 1 NOTTM FOR (0) 0
Whelan 60 — 38,191

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, C Palmer, A Dorigo, C White, G McAllister, G Speed, R Wallace (sub: P Masinga, 80min), N Whelan (sub: J Pemberton, 90), B Deane.
Booked: Palmer, Wallace.
Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, I Woan, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 81), S Collymore.
Booked: Stone, Cooper, Bohinen, Collymore, Woan.
Referee: P Jones.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 TOTTENHAM (0) 1
Fowler 39 (pen) — Ruddock 77 (og)
35,007

Liverpool: D James, R Jones, S I Bjornebye, P Babb, J Scales, N Ruddock, J Barnes (sub: M Thomas, 56min), J Redknapp, S McManaman, I Rush, R Fowler.
Tottenham: I Walker, D Austin, G Popescu, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, N Barmby, D Anderton (sub: I Dumitrescu, 46), E Sheringham, D Howells, J Klinsmann, S Campbell.
Referee: S Lodge.

MAN CITY (1) 2 WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Flitcroft 7 — 21,131
Rosler 89

Manchester City: A Dibble, A Hill (sub: A Kernaghan, 89min), K Curle, I Brightwell, N Summerbee, G Flitcroft, S Lomas, P Beagrie, N Quinn (sub: U Rösler, 75), P Walsh, D Brightwell.
Booked: Flitcroft.
Wimbledon: H Segers, W Barton, A Thorne, A Reeves, K Cunningham, A Clarke, V Jones, O Leonhardsen, G Elkins, E Ekoku, D Holdsworth (sub: S Fitzgerald, 72).
Sent off: Reeves (71).
Booked: Barton.
Referee: A Wilkie.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 IPSWICH (0) 1
Cole 86 — Thomsen 89
34,459

Newcastle United: P Srnicek, M Hottiger, J Beresford, B Venison, A Neilson, P Albert (sub: L Clark, 45min), R Fox, S Watson, A Cole, P Beardsley, R Lee (sub: A Mathie, 61).
Booked: Albert, Beardsley.
Ipswich Town: C Forrest, F Yallop, E Youds, A Linighan, P Whelan, C Thomsen, G Williams, S Sedgley, P Mason, I Marshall (sub: S Slater, 15), A Paz.
Booked: Whelan, Paz.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

NORWICH (0) 2 LEICESTER (1) 1
Newsome 56 — Draper 22
Sutch 90 — 20,657

Norwich City: B Gunn, J Polston, M Bowen, D Sutch, J Newsome, N Adams, I Crook, M Milligan (sub: J Goss, 72min), D Eadie, R Newman, M Sheron (sub: J Cureton, 68).
Leicester City: K Poole, M Blake, N Whitlow, N Mohan, J Willis, D Oldfield, S Thompson, M Draper, I Ormondroyd, S Walsh, D Lowe (sub: P Gee, 64).
Booked: Whitlow, Willis.
Referee: R Gifford.

WEST HAM (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 1
17,251 — Busst 58

West Ham United: L Miklosko, K Brown, A Whitbread, S Potts, J Dicks, M Holmes, I Bishop (sub: M Rush, 64min), M Marsh, J Moncur, A Cottee, T Morley.
Booked: Dicks, Holmes, Moncur.
Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, B Borrows, D Busst, S Pressley, S Morgan, S Flynn, J Darby, P Cook, C Jones, D Dublin, P Ndlovu (sub: L Jenkinson, 88).
Booked: Busst, Morgan, Darby.
Referee: M Reed.

Yesterday

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 SHEFF WED (0) 1
Atkinson 15 — Atherton 57
2,082

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, E Barrett, P King, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton, G Parker, D Saunders, D Atkinson (sub: G Whittingham, 78min), G Fenton.
Sheffield Wednesday: N Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, C Bart-Williams, D Petrescu, A Sinton, G Hyde, D Walker, G Watson (sub: I Taylor, 91), A Pearce, J Sheridan.
Booked: Petrescu, Hyde.
Referee: G Poll.



Shearer: hat-trick on Saturday

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

IPSWICH Town, Queens Park Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur have the worst defensive records in the FA Carling Premiership, each with 31 goals conceded in 16 games. Tottenham's midweek goalless draw with Everton was their first clean sheet of the campaign; Leicester, however, are still waiting for their first blank.

Manchester United's European frailties at the back are not mirrored in their league form: ten goals against in 16 games, including ten clean sheets; Everton are on a run of four successive clean sheets. Goals conceded from penalties is a trend that Aston Villa will want to redress: four for the season and two in the last three matches.

	P	Agt	Avge	Cln sheet	Pen	Dead ball	Open play
Ipswich	16	31	1.94	1	1	6	24
QPR	16	31	1.94	1	1	6	24
Tottenham	16	31	1.94	1	3	3	25
Leicester	16	28	1.75	0	2	4	23
Wimbledon	16	28	1.75	3	0	2	26
A Villa	16	28	1.75	2	4	3	21
Coventry	16	26	1.63	5	0	3	23
Soton	16	26	1.63	3	0	3	23
Man City	16	25	1.56	5	1	4	20
Everton	16	24	1.50	4	1	4	19
Sheff Wed	16	23	1.44	5	1	4	18
Chelsea	16	20	1.25	7	0	5	15
Leeds	16	19	1.19	4	3	3	13
C Palace	16	18	1.13	6	1	3	14
West Ham	16	17	1.06	6	0	2	15
Newcastle	16	17	1.06	4	2	2	13
Arsenal	16	16	1.00	6	2	3	11
Nottm For	16	16	1.00	4	1	2	13
Norwich	16	14	0.88	5	2	3	9
Liverpool	16	13	0.81	5	0	1	16
Blackburn	16	13	0.81	8	1	2	10
Man Utd	16	10	0.63	10	0	3	7
Totals	176	474	1.35	95	26	71	382

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Fowler (Liverpool)	15	2	0	17
Wright (Arsenal)	10	2	5	17
Shearer (Blackburn)	13	2	1	16
Sutton (Blackburn)	13	2	1	16
Cole (Newcastle)	9	2	4	15
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	10	4	0	14
Le Tissier (Southampton)	7	5	0	12
Kanchelskis (Man Utd)	10	0	1	11
Walsh (Man City)	10	1	0	11
Lee (Newcastle)	7	0	4	11
Dublin (Coventry)	8	2	0	10

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	16	7	0	1	24	7	4	3	1	11	6	36	+22
2 Man Utd	16	8	0	0	20	0	3	2	3	11	10	35	+21
3 Newcastle	16	5	3	0	20	8	5	1	2	14	9	34	+17
4 Liverpool	16	6	2	0	18	5	3	1	4	15	12	30	+16
5 Nottm For	16	4	2	2	12	8	4	2	2	13	8	28	+9
6 Leeds	16	6	1	1	14	7	2	2	4	10	12	27	+5
7 Man City	16	5	3	0	23	9	2	1	5	4	16	25	+2
8 Chelsea	16	4	1	3	15	7	3	2	3	10	13	24	+5
9 Norwich	16	5	3	0	11	5	1	3	4	4	8	24	+1
10 Coventry	16	4	1	3	9	10	2	3	3	10	16	22	-7
11 Soton	16	3	3	2	10	9	2	3	3	13	17	21	-3
12 Arsenal	16	3	3	2	11	7	2	2	4	7	9	20	+2
13 C Palace	16	2	2	4	6	10	3	3	2	9	8	20	-3
14 Tottenham	16	2	2	4	11	14	3	2	3	14	17	19	-6
15 Sheff Wed	16	2	4	2	8	8	2	2	4	9	15	18	-6
16 Wimbledon	16	4	1	3	13	13	1	2	5	4	15	18	-11
17 West Ham	16	4	1	3	6	6	1	1	6	3	11	17	-8
18 QPR	16	4	1	3	14	12	0	3	5	9	19	16	-8
19 Aston Villa	16	1	4	3	7	10	2	1	5	13	18	14	-8
20 Everton	16	2	4	2	10	10	1	1	6	2	14	14	-12
21 Leicester	16	3	2	3	13	13	0	1	7	4	16	12	-12
22 Ipswich	16	2	0	6	10	16	1	2	5	5	15	11	-16

Tottenham will be deducted 6 points at the end of the season

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (2) 3 BOLTON (0) 0
Eaden 8 — 8,507
Davis 26
Redfearn 73

CHARLTON (0) 0 MIDDLSBORO (1) 2
10,019 — Hendrie 4, Pollock 54

GRIMSBY (1) 2 BURNLEY (0) 2
Woods 43 — Davis 58
Gilbert 67 — Parkinson 90
7,084

NOTTS CO (1) 2 WEST BROM (0) 0
Turner 22 — 10,088
Lund 47

OLDHAM (0) 2 BRISTOL C (0) 0
Richardson 47 — 7,277
McCarthy 57

PORT VALE (0) 2 MILLWALL (0) 1
Allon 53 — Kennedy 69
Burke 90 — 8,016

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 SUNDERLAND (3) 4
Powell 53 — Russell 19
7,527 — Melville 21, Gray (pen) 42, Smith 88

READING (0) 1 TRANMERE (2) 3
Jones 64 — Brannan 10
7,887 — Muir 19, 82

SHEFF UTD (1) 2 SOUTHEND (0) 0
Whitehouse (pen) 42 — 13,405
Veart 65

SWINDON (1) 1 LUTON (1) 2
Scott 11 — Dixon 44
9,455 — Oakes 61

WATFORD (0) 0 STOKE (0) 0
9,126

Yesterday

WOLVES (0) 0 DERBY (1) 2
22,768 — Johnson 14, Stallard 62

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 WYCOMBE (0) 1
4,846 — Kerr 80

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 OXFORD UTD (1) 2
4,277 — Byrne 25, Butters 64

BRENTFORD (0) 2 BRIGHTON (1) 1
Ashby 48 — Chapman 40
Annan 81 — 4,729

BRISTOL R (1) 1 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1
Miller 7 — Jepson (pen) 45
5,679

CREWE (1) 4 CAMBRIDGE (0) 2
Smith (pen) 11 — Corazzin 52, 87
Collins 48, 72 — 3,636
Ward 54

PETERBORO (0) 0 L ORIENT (0) 0
5,114

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 CHESTER (0) 0
Goater (pen) 62, 76 — 2,947

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 BRADFORD (1) 2
Stevens 63 — Sinnott 11
3,776 — Murray 76

STOCKPORT (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (0) 1
5,577 — Hunt 83

WREXHAM (2) 4 SWANSEA (0) 1
Hughes 24 — Ford 68
Watkin 35, 65 — 3,598
Owen 71

YORK (0) 1 PLYMOUTH (0) 0
McCarthy 78 — 3,185

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 0 FULHAM (0) 0
3,323

CARLISLE (0) 1 DONCASTER (0) 1
Walling 83 — Lawrence 60
7,781

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 0
McAuley 62 — 3,191

COLCHESTER (2) 4 SCUNTHORPE (0) 2
Brown 26 — Thornber 54
Abrahams 45, 87 — Knill 85
Whitton 79 — 2,904

DARLINGTON (0) 0 BARNET (0) 1
2,157 — Gregan (og) 78

EXETER (2) 5 SCARBORO (1) 2
Cecere 27, 52 — Young 26
Gavin 36 — D'auria 90
Phillips 66 — 2,179
Storer 77

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 ROCHDALE (0) 0
Sloan 22 — 1,387

LINCOLN (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (0) 1
West 82 — Arnott 66
2,919

MANSFIELD (0) 1 WALSALL (2) 3
Wilkinson 51 — Wilson 34
2,733 — O'Connor 43, Ntamark 76

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 HEREFORD (0) 3
Cahill 72 — Pick 52
5,148 — Reece (pen) 79, White 84

TORQUAY (0) 0 WIGAN (0) 0
2,509

SENDINGS OFF

Second division: Bell (Wycombe) 89; Edworthy (Plymouth) 90; Scully (Huddersfield) 49. **Third division:** Woodman (Exeter) 87; Young (Scarboro) 87; Rockett (Scarboro) 35; Sharpe (Rochdale) 62.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 19 Aldridge (Tranmere). 15 Fjortoft (Swindon). 12 Whyte (Charlton); Scott (Swindon). 11 McGinlay (Bolton). 10 McCarthy (Oldham); Gray (Sunderland); Hendrie (Middlesbrough); Goodman (Millwall); Kelly (Wolverhampton).

Second division: 18 Moody (Oxford Utd). 16 Goater (Rotherham). 15 Booth (Huddersfield); Bennett (Wrexham). 13 Jewell (Bradford); Stant (Cardiff); Ward (Crewe)

Third division: 15 Reeves (Carlisle); Freedman (Barnet). 12 Carter (Bury). 11 White (Hereford).

Scottish Premier: 14 Coyne (Motherwell). 13 Hateley (Rangers). 9 Booth (Aberdeen). 8 Robertson (Hearts); O'Neil (Hibernian). 7 Dodds (Aberdeen) 6 Arnott (Motherwell); Clark (Falkirk); Jackson (Hibernian); Collins (Celtic); Cadette (Falkirk); Kirk (Motherwell).

First division: 17 O'Boyle (St Johnstone). 16 Petrie (Dunfermline). 15 Britton (Dundee). 12 Duffield (Hamilton). 11 Smith (Airdrie).

Second division: 10 Hawke (Berwick). 9 Alexander (Greenock Morton); Scott (East Fife); Lilley (Greenock Morton). 8 Irvine (Berwick).

Third division: 21 Yardley (Cowdenbeath). 13 Kennedy (Montrose) 8 McAnenay (Alloa); McGlashan (Montrose). 7 Moffat (Alloa).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

FALKIRK (1) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 3
Henderson 35 — Brewster 63
5,933 — Nixon 74, McKinlay 77

KILMARNOCK (0) 3 HEARTS (1) 1
Mitchell 60 — Robertson 30
McKee 74 — 8,029
Skilling 87

MOTHERWELL (3) 3 PARTICK (1) 1
Coyne 6 Davies 22 — Cameron 44
Arnott 39 — 6,893

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup

Final

RAITH (1) 2 CELTIC (1) 2
Crawford 18 — Walker 32
Dalziel 86 — Nicholas 84
4,384

(aet. Raith win 6-5 on penalties)

FIRST DIVISION

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 AIRDRIE (0) 1
1,355 — Smith 87

DUNDEE (1) 1 AYR (0) 1
Tosh 40 — Hood 49
2,506

HAMILTON (2) 3 ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1
Duffield 15, 17 — McGowne 19
McQuade 87 — 1,445

STRANRAER (0) 0 DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
1,550

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (0) 0 STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
711

BRECHIN (0) 0 QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1
426 — Bryce 54

CLYDE (1) 3 DUMBARTON (1) 1
McAuley 10, 62 — Mooney 27
McCluskey 47 — 1,143

GREENOCK M (1) 3 EAST FIFE (0) 0
Anderson 4 — 1,884
Rajamaki 50, 58

STIRLING (0) 2 MEADOWBANK (0) 3
Taggart 58 Watters 89 — Samuel 52, 90
574 — Sorbie 83

THIRD DIVISION

ARBROATH (0) 0 ROSS COUNTY (0) 1
582 — Kelshaw 72

CALEDONIAN (1) 2 ALLOA (0) 2
Christie 17 — Moffat 57
Andrew (pen) 83 — McAnenay 78
1,249

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 ALBION (2) 2
Yardley 21, 89 — Dolan 1
380 — Young 39

FORFAR (2) 3 EAST STIRLING (2) 2
McCormick 6, 31, 82 — Dwyer 33
527 — Lee (pen) 34

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 MONTROSE (0) 1
Caven 52 — Haro 88
496

SENDINGS OFF

Premier division: Brown (Kilmarnock) 80; Watson (Partick) 52.

GM CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (1) 3 TELFORD (0) 1
France 21 — Warner 54
Sharratt 51 — 1,044
Morton 88

BROMSGROVE (1) 2 STAFFORD (0) 1
Gray 8 — May 67
Skelding (pen) 87 — 1,417

DOVER (1) 3 BATH (0) 0
Hall 5, 50 — 872
Leworthy 71

FARNBOROUGH (1) 1 WELLING (0) 2
Boothe 45 — Smith 50
668 — Barnes 81

HALIFAX (2) 2 KETTERING (1) 1
Lambert 19 — Alford (pen) 5
Paterson 41 — 1,021

MACCLESFIELD (0) 2 GATESHEAD (1) 1
Power 53, 76 — Dobson (pen) 38
1,212

NORTHWICH (0) 2 YEOVIL (2) 2
Parker 61 — Wallace 33 Wilson 41
O'Connor 78 — 911

RUNCORN (0) 0 DAG and RED (0) 0
221

SOUTHPORT (2) 3 MERTHYR (0) 1
Blackhurst 32 — Dyer 83
Gamble (pen) 35 — 902
Thomas 72

STALYBRIDGE (0) 2 WOKING (1) 1
Wheeler (pen) 79 — Dennis 32
Clayton 88 — 621

STEVENAGE (2) 2 KIDDERMINSTER (1) 3
Brock 11 — Forsyth 39, 86
Venables 13 — Davies 68
1,839

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	15	7	3	[illegible]	19	9	5	2	1	17	8	41
2 Woking	20	5	5	1	22	13	6	0	3	12	10	38
3 Altrincham	18	4	1	5	15	13	6	2	0	24	9	33
4 Bromsgrove	19	5	4	[illegible]	21	13	4	[illegible]	4	14	13	32
5 Kidderminster	19	5	2	2	18	10	4	3	3	16	16	32
6 Gateshead	20	6	[illegible]	2	15	6	3	[illegible]	4	14	21	32
7 Kettering	19	5	2	2	15	8	3	2	4	13	13	28
8 Southport	18	6	1	2	24	11	2	2	5	5	14	27
9 Halifax	17	5	2	1	19	7	2	3	4	11	17	26
10 Welling	19	5	1	4	19	18	3	1	5	13	20	26
11 Bath	20	4	1	4	19	19	2	3	5	12	18	25
12 Stalybridge	18	5	1	2	15	12	2	3	6	14	25	24
13 Farnborough	19	3	1	4	9	14	4	2	5	12	19	24
14 Merthyr	19	5	1	3	17	15	1	3	6	10	21	22
15 Stevenage	18	3	2	5	17	19	3	1	4	10	10	21
16 Northwich	15	2	3	2	12	8	2	5	2	15	15	20
17 Telford	15	5	4	0	16	6	0	1	5	8	16	20
18 Runcorn	19	3	4	2	13	13	2	1	7	12	22	20
19 Dover	15	2	5	1	11	8	2	2	3	9	9	19
20 Dag & Red	19	3	1	5	9	14	2	2	5	6	18	18
21 Yeovil	20	3	1	6	13	15	1	4	5	10	16	16
22 Stafford	13	2	0	7	15	19	2	2	6	11	26	14

Yeovil deducted 1 point

EUROPEAN RESULTS



Raith celebrate Crawford's goal in the Coca-Cola Cup Final. Photograph: Ian Waldie

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Brescia 1 Bari 2; Fiorentina 2 Sampdoria 2, Foggia 1 Napoli 1; Genoa 0 Cremonese 1; Lazio 0 Roma 3; Padova 1 Juventus 2; Reggiana 0 Cagliari 0. Positions: 1, Parma, played 10, 23 points; 2, Juventus, 10, 23; 3, Fiorentina, 11, 22; 4, Lazio, 11, 21, 5, Roma, 11, 20; 6, Bari, 11, 19.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayern Munich 2 Bayern Leverkusen 1; B Moenchengladbach 3 Borussia Dortmund 3; Freiburg 2 VfB Stuttgart 0; Dynamo Dresden 1 Karlsruhe 1; FC Cologne 2 1860 Munich 1; Hamburg 0 Kaiserslautern 0; Werder Bremen 2 Schalke 1, Bochum 2 B Uerdingen 1. Positions: 1, Borussia Dortmund, played 15, 24 points, 2, Werder Bremen, 15, 23, 3, B Moenchengladbach, 15, 19; 4, Freiburg, 15, 19, 5, Bayern Munich, 15, 19; 6, Kaiserslautern, 15, 19, 7, Hamburg, 15, 18, 8, B Leverkusen 15, 17

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Betis 0 Real Sociedad 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0 Heerenveen 4, Dordrecht 0 Groningen 1, NAC Breda 2 Nijmegen 0. Positions: 1, Roda JC, played 13, 21 points; 2, Ajax, 11, 20; 3, T Enschede, 12, 20; 4, F Rotterdam, 12, 17; 5, PSV Eindhoven, 13, 17; 6, Heerenveen, 14, 26.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint Germain 0 Bordeaux 0; Lyon 3 Martigues 0; Metz 3 Strasbourg 2; Caen 0 Lens 0; Auxerre 4 Sochaux 0; Nice 3 St Etienne 0; Rennes 2 Montpellier 2; Bastia 2 Monaco 2; Lille 1 Le Havre 1. Positions: 1, Nantes, played 18, 38 points; 2, Paris Saint Germain, 19, 35; 3, Lyon, 19, 33; 4, Cannes, 18, 31; 5, Auxerre, 19, 30, 6, Strasbourg, 19, 30.

Leading scorers: 11 Caveglia (Sochaux), Loko, Ouedec (both Nantes) 10 Tholot (Martigues) 9 Valder (Bordeaux).

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lommel 3 Ostend 1, Lierse 2 Molenbeek 0, Beveren 0 Sint-Truiden 0, FC Liege 0 Cercle Brugge 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: FC Porto 1 Belenenses 0; Uniao Leiria 0 Sporting 3; Benfica 3 Estrela Amadora 1, Braga 2 Maritimo 2; Beira Mar 1 Tirsense 0; Gil Vicente 1 Farense 1; Chaves 1 Guimaraes 1.

GREEK LEAGUE: Iraklis 0 Panathinaikos 0; Apollon 1 OFI Crete 2; Doxa Drama 1 Athinaikos 0; Edessaikos 2, Ionikos 0; Ethnikos 0, Olympiakos 1; Larissa 1 Kavala 0: Levadiakos 0 Xanthi 0; Panionios 3 PAOK 1.

ROMANIAN LAEGUE: Gloria Bistrita 1 Sportul Studentesc 0; UT Arad 0 Universitatea Cluj 2; FC Inter Sibiu 1 FC Brasov 2; FC National Bucharest 3 FC Maramures Baia Mare 0; Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt 1 FC Arges Pitesti 0; FC Farul Constanta 1 Dinamo Bucharest 0; Otelul Galati 0 FC Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Rapid Bucharest 3 Universitatea Craiova 5; Electroputere Craiova 0 Steaua Bucharest 1.

NON-LEAGUE AND REGIONAL LEAGUES

NORTHERN PREM

Premier division: Accrington Stanley 1 Buxton 0; Bishop Auckland 0 Witton 1; Emley 0 Morecambe 0; Gainsborough 3 Chorley 2, Guiseley 2 Marine 1, Matlock 3 Horwich 2

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	22	17	4	1	47	15	55
Morecambe	19	14	3	2	46	18	45
Guiseley	18	12	5	1	41	23	41
B Auckland	20	10	3	7	36	23	33
Barrow	19	9	2	8	37	33	29
Boston Utd	19	7	7	5	31	20	28
Spennymoor	18	8	4	6	31	27	28
Witton	21	6	10	5	23	27	28
Colwyn Bay	18	8	2	8	39	37	26
Buxton	21	7	5	9	27	30	26
Emley	20	7	5	8	32	37	26
Winsford	22	6	7	9	33	37	25
Gainsboro	18	6	6	6	36	30	24
Horwich	21	7	3	11	31	36	24
Knowsley	16	5	7	4	29	28	22
Chorley	19	6	4	9	32	41	22
A Stanley	18	4	6	8	18	32	18
Hyde	15	4	5	6	22	26	17
Frickley	17	3	5	9	20	33	14
Droylsden	18	3	5	10	22	45	14
Matlock	16	4	0	12	19	32	12
Whitley B	19	2	6	11	23	45	12

First division: Alfreton 1 Great Harwood 1 Atherton LR 0 Harrogate Town 0, Congleton 3 Eastwood Town 3, Goole 0 Netherfield 2 Lancaster 4 Radcliffe 0. Mossley 3 Workington 0 Worksop 4 Caernarfon 1

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 1 Hastings 1 Cambridge City 1 Gravesend and Northfleet 0. Sittingbourne 2 Solihull 1

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	16	12	4	0	44	14	40
Cheltenham	14	9	2	3	37	14	29
Leek	16	8	4	4	32	18	28
Worcester	16	8	4	4	19	11	28
Dorchester	13	8	2	3	28	16	26
Gloucester	12	7	3	2	21	8	24
Rushden D	14	7	3	4	35	23	24
Burton	15	6	5	4	23	21	23
Cambridge C	13	6	2	5	15	16	20
Chelmsford	11	5	4	2	20	10	19
Hastings	12	4	5	3	15	16	17
Halesowen	17	4	5	8	34	37	17
Solihull	14	4	5	5	16	23	17
Crawley	16	5	2	9	25	39	17
Sittingbourne	17	4	4	9	15	27	16
Sudbury	16	4	4	7	19	32	16
Trowbridge	14	3	6	5	14	18	15
Gresley R	12	4	2	6	20	22	14
Atherstone	16	3	5	8	17	26	14
Gravesend N	13	3	4	6	11	20	13
VS Rugby	16	3	4	9	13	24	13
Corby	15	1	1	12	12	50	4

Midland division. Bilston 0 Sutton Coldfield 2 Evesham 3 Dudley Town 0 Hinckley Town 4 Bridgnorth 1 Leicester 1 RC Warwick 1, Newport AFC 3 Buckingham Town 1 Nuneaton 1 Forest Green 0 Tamworth 8 Armitage 2

Southern division. Ashford 4 Fareham 2; Bury Town 3 Burnham 2 Fisher 93 3 Clevedon 1, Newport IOW 1 Poole 0, Salisbury 0 Waterlooville 2 Wealdstone 1 Erith and Belvedere 2 Weymouth 1 Margate 1, Witney 3 Tonbridge AFC 1 Yate 0 Braintree 0

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier division: Enfield 2 Sutton United 1 Hayes 3 Slough 1, Wokingham 0 Dulwich 1

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hayes	15	9	5	1	27	13	32
Slough	16	8	6	2	23	21	30
Bromley	17	7	7	3	31	22	28
Enfield	17	7	6	4	37	22	27
St Albans	15	7	5	3	42	32	26
Carshalton	18	7	4	7	31	33	25
Aylesbury	13	7	3	3	25	15	24
Grays	16	5	9	4	23	24	24
Harrow	17	7	2	8	27	39	23
Yeading	14	6	4	4	32	25	22
Chesham	16	6	4	6	31	25	22
Purfleet	15	6	4	5	29	29	22
Dulwich	15	6	4	5	29	32	22
Sutton	17	5	5	7	25	23	20
Hendon	16	5	4	7	25	27	19
Molesey	15	5	3	7	20	24	18
B Stortford	16	4	6	6	22	35	18
Kingstonian	15	4	5	6	23	22	17
Walton H	12	3	5	4	20	22	14
Hitchin	14	2	6	6	17	26	12
Marlow	17	2	6	9	20	36	12
Wokingham	14	1	1	12	12	37	4

First division: Barking 2 Leyton 2, Basingstoke 3 Heybridge Swifts 2, Berkhamsted 3 Ruislip Manor 2. Dorking 1 Wembley 8. Staines 1 Abingdon Town 1, Uxbridge 1 Billericay 3, Wivenhoe 4 Whyteleafe 1.

Second division: Banstead 5 Metropolitan Police 0; Bracknell 8 Aveley 0. Chalfont St Peter 2 Hemel Hempstead 0. Cheshunt 2 Saffron Walden 0. Croydon 1 Barton 2, Edgware 2 Malden Vale 1. Hampton 3 Egham 2; Thame 2 Leatherhead 0, Tilbury 3 Ware 1 Witham 2 Hungerford 1 Postponed: Windsor and Eton v Oxford.

Third division: Bedford Town 2 Canvey Island 4; Clapton 0 Leighton 1. Cove 0 Southall 2 East Thurrock 1 Epsom and Ewell 4 Feltham and Hounslow B 0 Collier Row 2. Flackwell Heath 3 Lewes 0. Harefield 1 Kingsbury 2, Hertford 1 Northwood 2. Hornchurch 0 Camberley 2. Tring 5 Harlow 0

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Third round qualifying: Northallerton 0 Blyth 2, Warrington 1 Colwyn Bay 1; Knowsley 1 Ashton United 4. Fleetwood 1 Spennymoor 1. Curzon Ashton 0 Gresley 1. Barrow 1 Winsford 1. Frickley 1 Whitby 2. Guisborough 1 West Auckland 2. Hyde 1 Boston 0, Dunston 2 Ilkeston 3. B Bridge 3 Grantham 1, Droylesden 0 Leek 1, Gretna 2 Seaham 1, Rushden 2 Crawley 1: Cheltenham 4 Worthing 0. Aldershot 1 Rothwell 1. Sudbury 6 Carshalton 1 Gloucester 0 Chelmsford 2. Grays 0 Chertsey 0. Hednesford 2 Trowbridge 1. Bedworth 0 Boreham Wood 1. Worcester 2 Molesey 2. Moor Green 0 Marlow 0. Bashley 1 Yeading 1. St Albans 4 Purfleet 3 Baldock 1 Walton 1 Halesowen 4 Hitchin 0 Aylesbury 2 Dorchester 1 Weston-super-Mare 1 Chesham 3 Kingstonian 3 Harrow 1, Rugby 2 Bognor 1. Atherstone 1 Newbury 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE. First division: Bedlington Terriers 4 Peterlee 1; Durham 4 Murton 2; Eppleton CW 2 Prudhoe 1, RTM Newcastle 7 Chester Le Street 3. Tow Law 0 Billingham Synthonia 4

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division cup: Second round: Postponed: Cinderford v Abingdon Town. Premier division. Bicester 4 Carterton 2; Brackley 1 Cirencester 3. Fairford 6 Moreton 0; Tuffley 0 Banbury 3 First division: Coppingham 1 Burton PW 1. Harrowby 1 Daventry 2. Irchester 1 Ford Sports 1; St Ives 1 Whitworths 2. Shambrook 1 Ramsey 3

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe 1 March 2. Halstead 0 Hadleigh 0. Harwich and Parkeston 1 Lowestoft 1. Newmarket 1 Tiptree 2. Soham 2 Histon 1. Stowmarket 4 Woodbridge 1. Wisbech 4 Haverhill 1

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Carford 2 Leyton County 2 Clapton Villa 8 Woodford 2 Craven 1 Bridon Ropes 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2 Belper 0 Arnold 1 Stocksbridge PS 0 Ashfield 0 Ossett Town 0 Denaby 4 Maltby MW 2 Lincoln United 3 Thackley 0. North Ferriby 1 Glasshoughton Wel 1 Ossett Albion 2 Hucknall 2. Pontefract Col 0 Brigg 3 Cup: Pickering 2 Hallam 2

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 6 Clapham 1. Senior first division: Edmontonians 0 Latymer 4; Shene 0 Tiffinians 1. Second division: Southallians 2 Vaughanians 5, John Fisher 3 Ignatians 1; Enfield 8 Mill Hill 1 Third division: Alperionians 2 Vaughanians 4. Salvatorians 1 Leyton 0: Chorleywood 0 Hamptonians 2

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 2 Cranleigh 0; Bedfont 1 Netherne 2; Eton Wick 0 Cobham A 2; Farnham Town 3 Chipstead 0; Godalming and Guildford 2 Sandhurst 3. Horley 0 Hartley Wintney 3; Peppard 3 Ash United 2; Viking Sports 3 Merstham 2; Westfield 1 DCA Basingstoke 4

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch Villa 1 Ansells 0; Handrahan Timbers 2 Kings Heath 0; Highgate 1 Coleshill 5, Knowle 1 Chelmsley 1; Shirley 3 West Midland Fire Service 0; Upton 1 Olton Royale 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United 6 Portsmouth 1. Charlton 1 Watford 1. Ipswich 1 Fulham 3, Norwich 1 Gillingham 0; Southend 2 Millwall 2, Tottenham 1 Arsenal 3. Second division: Brentford 1 Bournemouth 3, Bristol 6 Wycombe 2; Oxford 1 Reading 1; Southampton 3 Tottenham 0; Swindon 1 Brighton 0. League cup third round: Bristol 2 Crystal Palace 3; Chelsea 3 QPR 2; Colchester 3 Wimbledon 3, West Ham 1 Leyton Orient 1

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Ulysses 3 Parkfield 2 Second division: Corinthian Casuals 1 Old Finchleians 4, Old Bealonians 3 Hadley 3. Postponed: Albanian v Old Fairlopians. Third division: Fulham Compton Ob 7 Old Colleians 0; London Welsh 2 Old Monovians 3 Fourth division: Centymca 3 Bournside 1; Hampstead Heathens 6 Economicals 2, Old Simmarobians 3 London Airways 0; Pegasus 1 Inland Revenue 1

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 2 Faversham 0, Chatham 1 Furness 1: Darenth Heathside 0 Crockenhill 0; Dartford 0 Whitstable 2: Folkestone Invicta 3 Tunbridge Wells 0. Greenwich 1 Canterbury 0, Herne Bay 0 Corinthian 1. Sheppey 3 Cray Wanderers 0. Slade Green 0 Deal 0

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Ringmer 6 Eastbourne 0.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough 1 Chadderton 1, Bootle 1 Eastwood Hanley 1; Burscough 3 Nantwich 3 Clitheroe 1 Glossop North End 1, Kidsgrove Athletic 0 Blackpool Rovers 1. Maine Road (Man) 2 Darwen 3; Penrith 0 Trafford 1; Prescot 0 Bradford Park Avenue 1, St Helens 2 Newcastle Town 0, Salford City 1 Holker Old Boys 0, Skelmersdale 1 Rossendale 1.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne 1 Wellingborough 0; Desborough 0 Boston 0; Eynesbury 2 Stotfold 0; Holbeach 1 Newport Pagnell 0, Long Buckby 1 Raunds 2; Mirrlees Blackstone 0 Cogenhoe 2; Northampton Spencer 4 Kempston 2; Stamford 2 S and L Corby 2. League Cup: First round: Spalding 5 Wootton 0.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwood 1 Maldon 1. Burnham 0 Gt Wakering 3; Concord 2 Stansted 2, Eton Manor 1 Sawbridgeworth 5. Hullbridge 0 Ford 1

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division. Barkingside 3 Croydon 8; Brimsdown 2 St Margaretsbury 2; Brook House 2 Waltham Abbey 3. Hanwell 1 Amersham 0: Hillingdon 1 Haringey 1: Tower Hamlets 3 Cockfosters 1; Walthamstow Pennant 2 Corinthian Casuals 2. Postponed: Willesden v Beaconsfield Sycob

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 0 Shillington 1, Biggleswade 2 Harpenden 2; Dunstable OB 1 Buckingham 1; Hatfield 2 Wingate and Finchley 4; Langford 2 Royston 0; Letchworth GC 0 Brache Sparta 1; Milton Keynes 1 Potters Bar 3; Welwyn GC 0 Hoddesdon 1.

AFA Senior Cup: First round: Alexandra Park 1 O Foresters 4; Bank of England 1 Kingsburians 3; Broomfield 4 O Westhamians 0, Ealing Assoc 3 O Woodhouseians 2; Hale End Ath 1 West Wickham 2 (aet); Kew Assoc 3 O Grammarians 4; Merton 1 Cardinal Manning OB 4; Mill Hill Village 0 Glyn OB 2; Nat West Bank 3 O Tenisonians 0; Nottsborough 1 O Meadonians 1 (aet); O Camdenians 0 Cuaco 7; O Danes 0 O Salvatorians 2; O Dorkinian 1 Norsemen 1; O Esthameians 4 O Aloysians 1; O Grocers 1 O Isleworthians 1 (aet); O Hamptonians 4 Polytechnic 0; O Lyonian 0 O Ignatians 3; O Malvernian 1 Wandsworth 2, O Minchendenians 1 O Manorians 3; O Owens 1 Civil Service 3; O Parkonians 0 O Chigwellians 1; O Suttonians 2 City of London 1; O Wokingians 1 South Bank 3; St Mary's Coll 1 Southgate County 1 (aet); UCL Academicals 0 O Salesians 6; Westerns 3 Midland Bank 2; William Fitt 0 Duncombe Sports 5; Winchmore Hill 1 O Latymerians 2; Witan 2 Carshalton 3.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Second division: Lloyds Bank 3 O Bromleians 3, O Westminster Citizens 1 Lensbury 1. Third division: Barclays Bank 6 Reigate Priory 1: Brentham 3 Ibis 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians 3 Brentwoods 1; Lancing 3 Wellingburians 2.

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chigwellians	5	5	0	0	15	3	10
Carthusians	7	3	2	2	14	8	8
Reptonians	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Lancing	7	3	1	3	12	8	7
Etonians	6	0	4	2	7	10	4
Aldenhamians	4	2	0	2	6	11	4
Malvernians	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
Wellingburians	5	0	3	2	6	11	3
Brentwoods	4	0	1	3	2	11	1

First division: Cholmeleians 1 Westminsters 1: Haileyburians 4 Witleians 5.

REGIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 3 Mold 0; Caersws 0 Newtown 0; Conwy 2 Ton Pentre 4; Cwmbran 0 Bangor City 2; Ebbw Vale 2 Connah's Quay 0; Flint Town 0 Inter Cardiff 0, Holywell 4 Llanelli 2; Llansantffraid 3 Aberystwyth 0; Maesteg Park 2 Porthmadog 2; Rhyl 0 Afan Lido 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	15	12	2	1	42	10	38
Inter Cardiff	15	9	5	1	30	13	32
Newtown	14	7	6	1	30	17	27
Cwmbran	15	9	0	6	28	21	27
Flint Town	14	8	2	4	32	18	26
Ton Pentre	13	8	2	3	29	16	26
Porthmadog	15	7	2	6	23	23	23
Afan Lido	12	7	2	3	19	15	23
Holywell	14	6	4	4	25	21	22
Caersws	15	6	2	7	23	28	20
Connah's Q	15	6	2	7	20	21	20
Ebbw Vale	15	6	1	8	22	22	19
Rhyl	15	6	1	8	27	28	19
Mold	16	6	1	9	31	40	19
Barry Town	13	5	3	5	23	22	18
Conwy	14	5	3	6	20	22	18
Llansan'aid	13	4	2	7	24	25	14
Llanelli	15	1	3	11	20	57	6
Aberystwyth	13	0	4	9	14	32	4
Maesteg Park	15	0	3	12	6	44	3

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Cliftonville 2; Ballyclare 3 Larne 0; Coleraine 3 Portadown 1; Crusaders 2 Ballymena 1; Distillery 1 Glenavon 3; Linfield 1 Carrick 1; Newry 0 Glentoran 0; Omagh 0 Bangor 0.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Galway 2 Bohemians 2.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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FORECAST: Telephone claims required for for 22 and 22½ points with a possible jackpot for 22½. There are five jackpot draws, four high-score draws and seven no-score draws.

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Middlesbro	18	7	1	1	16	6	4	2	3	10	10	36	26
2 Wolves	19	7	1	2	22	11	3	3	3	14	11	34	36
3 Tranmere	18	7	2	0	24	10	2	3	4	7	11	32	31
4 Bolton	19	6	2	1	17	5	2	3	5	14	19	29	31
5 Luton	19	2	2	5	11	12	6	3	1	17	11	29	28
6 Barnsley	18	5	3	1	12	5	3	2	4	7	13	29	19
7 Grimsby	19	6	3	1	18	9	1	4	4	9	14	28	27
8 Reading	18	4	3	2	9	5	4	1	4	12	13	28	21
9 Watford	19	5	4	1	14	9	2	3	4	7	13	28	21
10 Sheff Utd	19	6	2	2	17	8	1	3	5	8	12	26	25
11 Derby	19	4	3	2	13	8	3	2	5	9	11	26	22
12 Southend	19	6	1	2	12	7	1	3	6	7	24	25	19
13 Sunderland	18	1	6	2	8	9	4	3	2	14	8	24	22
14 Stoke	18	5	2	2	18	9	1	4	4	4	15	24	22
15 Burnley	19	2	5	2	12	11	3	4	3	9	12	24	21
16 Charlton	19	3	3	4	14	14	2	5	2	15	16	23	29
17 Oldham	19	5	3	2	15	9	1	2	6	9	16	23	24
18 Port Vale	18	5	1	3	15	10	1	4	4	7	13	23	22
19 Swindon	19	5	4	2	16	12	1	0	7	10	19	22	26
20 Millwall	19	3	4	2	16	12	1	3	6	8	16	19	24
21 Portsmouth	18	2	3	4	10	15	2	4	3	10	12	19	20
22 Bristol C	18	3	3	3	8	12	2	1	6	7	13	19	15
23 West Brom	19	4	2	2	9	7	0	4	7	7	20	18	16
24 Notts Co	18	2	4	3	12	14	1	1	7	8	16	14	20

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Oxford Utd	18	7	2	0	17	7	5	2	2	18	11	40	35
2 Huddersfld	18	7	1	1	19	9	4	4	1	20	15	38	39
3 Birmingham	18	5	3	1	19	6	5	3	1	12	6	36	31
4 Wycombe	18	6	2	1	15	7	5	1	3	13	14	36	28
5 Hull	18	6	0	3	18	8	4	3	2	14	14	33	32
6 Crewe	18	5	1	3	19	16	4	1	4	15	20	29	34
7 Wrexham	18	6	2	1	19	9	2	3	4	12	16	29	31
8 Blackpool	18	6	1	2	15	12	3	1	5	13	14	29	28
9 Bradford	18	4	1	4	12	13	5	1	3	16	15	29	28
10 Stockport	18	5	0	4	14	11	4	1	4	14	14	28	28
11 Brentford	18	5	0	4	12	9	4	1	4	13	9	28	25
12 Bristol R	18	4	5	0	21	10	2	4	3	6	7	27	27
13 Peterboro	18	2	4	3	10	14	5	2	2	12	11	27	22
14 York	18	5	2	2	16	9	2	3	4	7	10	26	23
15 Swansea	18	3	4	2	7	6	3	3	3	15	15	25	22
16 Rotherham	18	5	1	3	14	12	1	2	6	8	14	21	22
17 Plymouth	18	2	2	5	9	19	3	1	5	11	14	18	20
18 Brighton	18	3	4	2	8	6	1	2	6	8	19	18	16
19 Shrewsbury	18	3	3	3	17	14	1	1	7	7	13	16	24
20 Cardiff	18	2	2	5	10	12	2	2	5	13	19	16	23
21 Cambridge	18	4	2	3	17	14	0	2	7	5	18	16	22
22 L Orient	18	4	2	3	11	9	0	1	8	5	17	15	16
23 Chester	18	3	2	4	11	13	0	1	8	2	15	12	13
24 Bournemth	18	2	1	6	9	18	0	2	7	4	18	9	13

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	17	7	2	0	18	5	5	2	1	14	8	40	32
2 Bury	17	7	2	1	14	4	5	1	1	13	2	39	27
3 Doncaster	17	6	2	0	17	4	4	3	2	13	8	35	30
4 Barnet	17	3	4	1	16	9	6	1	2	10	9	32	26
5 Walsall	17	5	1	2	16	8	3	5	1	12	9	30	28
6 Colchester	17	5	1	3	15	16	3	3	2	9	9	28	24
7 Chesterfield	17	4	3	2	6	3	4	1	3	13	13	28	19
8 Torquay	17	4	4	1	16	11	2	2	4	8	11	24	24
9 Scunthorpe	17	3	2	4	14	12	3	2	3	12	13	22	26
10 Lincoln	17	4	3	2	14	10	2	1	5	8	11	22	22
11 Fulham	17	2	3	3	11	9	3	4	2	8	10	22	19
12 Rochdale	17	3	2	3	12	12	3	1	5	12	23	21	24
13 Mansfield	17	2	2	5	8	11	4	1	3	15	13	21	23
14 Exeter	17	5	2	2	15	14	1	1	6	2	13	21	17
15 Preston	17	2	0	4	8	7	4	2	5	12	14	20	20
16 Darlington	17	3	2	4	12	13	2	2	4	7	10	19	19
17 Gillingham	17	3	3	2	10	9	1	2	6	10	18	17	20
18 Hereford	17	2	2	5	8	12	2	2	4	11	15	16	17
19 Hartlepool	17	4	1	4	8	9	0	3	5	2	11	16	10
20 Wigan	17	2	1	5	13	14	2	1	6	8	15	14	21
21 Northamptn	17	2	2	4	7	10	0	6	3	6	10	14	13
22 Scarboro	17	1	3	4	8	11	2	1	6	8	19	13	16

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	15	6	1	1	14	4	3	2	2	12	8	30	+14
2 Motherwell	15	4	4	0	17	11	3	3	1	12	9	28	+9
3 Hibernian	14	4	3	0	16	6	1	5	1	2	3	23	+9
4 Falkirk	15	3	3	2	11	12	2	3	2	11	11	21	-1
5 Celtic	14	2	3	2	6	7	2	4	1	8	6	19	+1
6 Dundee Utd	15	3	3	1	11	7	2	1	5	8	16	19	-4
7 Hearts	15	4	1	2	10	5	1	1	6	8	19	17	-6
8 Kilmarnock	15	3	2	2	8	6	0	3	4	6	14	15	-6
9 Aberdeen	15	2	4	1	12	9	0	2	6	6	13	12	-4
10 Partick	15	2	1	4	8	10	1	2	5	4	14	12	-12

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dunfermline	15	6	1	0	16	3	2	5	1	12	10	30	+15
2 Airdrie	15	3	4	0	5	1	5	2	1	15	9	30	+10
3 Dundee	15	5	3	0	16	7	3	1	3	11	12	28	+8
4 Raith	14	2	4	1	13	11	3	2	2	9	5	21	+6
5 St Johnstn	15	4	2	1	13	4	1	4	3	8	13	21	+5
6 Hamilton	15	4	2	2	13	13	0	3	4	3	12	17	-9
7 Clydebank	15	3	2	3	11	8	1	2	4	4	11	16	-4
8 St Mirren	14	2	2	3	8	9	0	5	2	6	9	13	-4
9 Ayr	15	3	3	2	10	12	0	2	6	2	13	11	-13
10 Stranraer	15	2	3	3	5	6	0	0	7	4	16	9	-13

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Berwick	15	6	2	0	11	5	2	2	3	16	17	28	+5
2 Greenock M	15	5	2	1	15	5	3	0	4	8	11	26	+7
3 Stenhsmuir	15	3	4	0	9	3	3	3	2	10	10	25	+6
4 E Fife	15	3	1	3	15	13	3	3	2	7	8	22	+1
5 Clyde	15	3	3	2	16	11	3	0	4	6	8	21	+3
6 Dumbarton	15	4	1	2	9	7	2	2	4	8	13	21	-3
7 Stirling	15	3	1	4	11	10	3	1	3	10	12	20	-1
8 Queen of S	15	3	1	3	13	11	2	3	3	5	9	19	-2
9 Meadowbnk	15	2	1	4	5	5	3	2	3	12	12	15	0
10 Brechin	15	1	1	6	8	16	1	1	5	4	12	8	-16

Meadowbank deducted 3 points for fielding an ineligible player

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Montrose	15	5	1	1	14	5	4	3	1	13	7	31	+15
2 Forfar	15	7	1	0	16	6	3	0	4	6	10	31	+6
3 Cowdenbth	15	3	3	2	14	11	5	0	2	15	8	27	+10
4 Caledonian T	15	3	3	2	15	16	4	1	2	11	8	25	+2
5 E Stirling	15	3	1	3	14	11	4	2	2	16	11	24	+8
6 Alloa	15	2	3	2	8	8	4	3	1	17	10	24	+7
7 Ross Co	15	2	1	4	13	15	3	3	2	9	7	19	0
8 Queen's Pk	15	2	1	5	7	15	1	2	4	10	12	12	-10
9 Arbroath	15	0	2	6	2	12	3	0	4	15	19	11	-14
10 Albion	15	1	0	6	8	19	0	2	6	6	19	5	-22

1994 Times/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge comes to an end in Spain

Credit to brokers for maintaining interest

Mel Webb reports on the finale of a golf competition that has taken the business world to all corners of the British Isles

TENSION, excitement, a thrilling finish that tingled the pulse. The national final of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge that ended here in La Manga yesterday was a celebration of all that is best in the great game. No Open Championship could have offered more.

This competition is the only one of its kind in the United Kingdom in that it is aimed specifically at the business world, but almost as important is the fact that, for its lifeblood, it draws on the heart and soul of golf — the club amateur. Without this precious breed, the Faldos, the Normans and the rest would not exist, would have no purpose in life other than to be multi-millionaire figments of their own imagination.

The final was won by Prebon Yamane (UK), a London firm of money brokers, who, after two days of intense competition, won with a total of 170 Stableford points. To the four players in the team went the glory, but it would be unfair to record a magnificent victory without sparing a thought for the team that came second.

Chemical Corporation (UK), based in Cardiff and, to a man, brimful of Welsh hwyl, led by three points after the first round of the 36-hole final. It was, in a way, almost expecting too much that they would stay there until the end, but to their immense credit they almost pulled it off.

With two holes to play, they needed ten points to take Prebon Yamane into a play-off. They did well to collect four on the tough 17th on La Manga's South course and, with Alan Barham, their team captain, having holed out for a net par five and two points, and Mike Reid and John Gladwin out of it on the last, all ultimately depended on Nigel Insley making a 15-foot putt for a gross eagle three.

With spectators surrounding the green and the television cameras looking on with cruel and impersonal impartiality, Insley was put under more pressure than he can ever have faced in his sporting life. He did not fail, nobody could accuse him of that. He just missed the putt, by inches to the right. It was all over, the game won and lost by a single point.

In the midst of unconfined joy among the yellow-shirted Prebon Yamane quartet and their supporters, Insley was inconsolable.

The winners were generous in their praise for their opponent. "I felt for him," John Stewart, their captain, said. "I'm glad it wasn't me standing over that putt. But they put up a great fight — we were convinced that with all of them getting a shot on the last, a couple of them were sure to get birdies and take it into a play-off. If they had, who knows what might have happened?"

Prebon Yamane could not, however, be regarded as anything else but worthy winners. They scored 89 points on the final day, better by four than their nearest rivals, Chemical Corporation and Allied Dunbar (Pennine Region). They had just one bad hole, the 2nd, where they gained only two points, but, apart from that, were exemplary in their consistency.

Twice, they scored seven points and they also registered five sixes and six fives, winning golf almost from start, where Brian Thistlethwaite picked up four points and Bob Lough two, to finish, where Stewart and Duncan Holdsworth both scored three.

Holdsworth, a mighty hitter who also admits to driving with a good deal of width at times, played that last hole with characteristic *élan*. A drive and a three-wood put him in a greenside bunker almost pin-high on the testing par five in two, and then, in the next five minutes, he produced shots that must have been at once as bad and as good as any played in the final.

Holdsworth, a ten-handicapper, was faced with one of the most feared and demanding strokes in golf — the long trap shot — and, from 25 yards, he made an almighty hash of it, nipping the ball cleanly off the surface when he needed to take sand and sending the it skittering across the green down the slope in the direction of the first tee.

He was on a down slope on the fringe of the championship tee and had that to contend with, plus a bank and a pin placement, that left him no green with which to work.

His chances of doing anything but compounding his gaffe looked frankly slim at that point, but, confident character that he is, he strode across the green, settled over the ball and produced an exquisite chip of which the best in the world would have been satisfied. The ball rolled to a half no more than two feet from the flag — little more than a formality.

It was a spectacular end to the day for Prebon Yamane, but the truly telling blows of their round had come earlier. On the 13th, the third of the South course's four difficult par fives, Holdsworth got a net birdie four, gross eagle three, for four points, and Stewart, who did not receive a shot, a birdie for three.

Eventually came the 16th and with it what must have been the longest putt of the competition, a monster of fully 60 feet by Lough, a 17-handicapper, for a gross eagle three and four points. Stewart, who plays off four, and Holdsworth both had pars to give Prebon six points and not even a disappointing three points on the short 17th could stop them in their charge for the title.

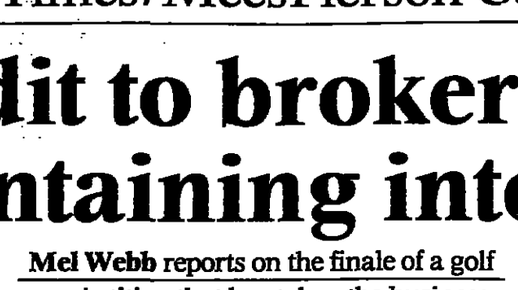
Of the rest, Allied Dunbar, for whom David Lawrence, a scratch left-hander, picked up nine birdies and played brilliantly throughout the weekend — and, incidentally, picked up a prize for his excellence — scored solidly, but in the end a first-day deficit was too much to make up. St Honorine Golf and Leisure and RAF Hornington both had their chances and also failed to take them.

St Honorine, who had former professional footballers in Keith Bertschin, who played for Ipswich Town, Birmingham City and Norwich City, and Ian Hendry, once of Aston Villa and Hibernian, were going well for a while, but let their chance slip away with a couple of loose holes in the outward half.

The RAF team, joint-second after the first day, played moderate golf on the front line, but had a boost on the 10th when Rob Philp, 100 yards from the flag after driving into sand off the tee, took out his eight-iron, swung slow and true and watched in overjoyed amazement as the ball landed softly on the green, bounced once and rolled gently into the hole. They eventually finished fifth.

At the bottom of the list, The Boddington Pub Company, Waverley Vintners and Crown Berger (Northern Ireland) failed to reproduce the form they had shown in winning their regional finals, a swirling wind on the second day doing much to put a dent in their scoring.

It mattered to them, of course it did, and for a while they were disappointed with their golf. Not one of them, though, will be leaving here this morning with anything but fond thoughts of a memorable two days in the Spanish sunshine.



SOUTH COURSE, LA MANGA				
	Par	72	OUT	3,497 yards
	SSS	72	IN	3,156 yards
			TOTAL	6,653 yards

CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

	1st round	2nd round	Total
Prebon Yamane	81pts	89pts	170pts
Chemical Corporation (UK)	84pts	85pts	169pts
St Honorine Golf and Leisure	81pts	83pts	164pts
Allied Dunbar	77pts	85pts	162pts
RAF Honington	81pts	79pts	160pts
Waverley Vintners	70pts	64pts	134pts
Crown Berger	64pts	65pts	129pts
The Boddington Pub Co	66pts	62pts	128pts

The final is a 36-hole stableford competition. Two best scores from each team on each hole count. Players on 7/8 handicap. Ties determined by countback

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Barham, the captain of Chemical Corporation (UK), reacts to sinking a long putt at the 5th on the South course



Holdsworth, left, Stewart, Thistlethwaite and Lough show off the spoils of two days' plunder at La Manga

Scully dogged by early difficulty

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN CAPE TOWN

AS THE three leading French boats of Isabelle Autissier, Jean Luc van den Heede and Christophe Auguin fanned out into the Southern Ocean bound for Sydney yesterday, at the head of the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world yacht race, two competitors were back in port within 12 hours of the start from Cape Town.

David Scully, of the United States, returned in search of a new mainsail after one of his pre-race helpers fell through his own sail while setting up the boat before the start. "We told him the sail was shot while he was here in Cape Town, but David didn't have the budget to replace it," a Cape sailmaker who had serviced Scully's sails said.

The American, who faced having a writ slapped on his chartered boat, *Coyote*, on the eve of the race start from Charleston in September after a collision with a fishing boat, managed to get a mainsail from the stock of old sails left behind by JJ Porvoyeur, of South Africa, but was back in port again before sunrise, this time with autopilot problems. One engineer who went out to help the hapless Scully reported that "the computer circuit board had burnt out, but we managed to fit a new one and he's off again".

Another disappointed sailor is Alan Nebauer, of Australia, who has been forced to pull into Simonstown after generator problems on his yacht, *Newcastle Australia*. Naih Vaughan, of Britain, made a cracking start from Cape Town on Saturday, but his class II yatch, *Jim Roder II*, was soon overwhelmed by the 60ft entries of Van Den Heede and Autissier, the overall leader, before he became enveloped within the chasing wake of an enthusiastic 400-strong spectator fleet.

As the huge flotilla headed out of Table Bay, the solitary silhouette of Harry Mitchell's 40ft British entry, *Henry Hornblower*, could be seen on the horizon. "I saw the fleet coming at me and for a moment thought I should just keep going to Sydney," Mitchell, 70, joked after being greeted by his wife, Diane, on the dockside.

It was as well he did not continue, for Mitchell, who has taken 69 days to complete the first 6,900-mile leg — twice as long as the race leader — was down to the last of his food stocks and had run out of water three days earlier. "I forgot to top up my tanks before leaving Charlston and have had to rely on rain water for the last few days," he said.

Mitchell, making his third attempt to sail around the world, also admitted crying with frustration when becalmed for much of the last week: "My worst day was when I went to bed then woke up to find I had drifted 15 miles further away from the Cape," he said.

Mitchell also told of another scare earlier in the voyage when he fell against the chart table, bruising his kidney: "It was over an hour before I could pick myself up off the cabin floor and another two days before I could sleep. The pain was that bad," he said.

Mitchell is expected to set out after the fleet on Wednesday or Thursday in company with Neil Petersen and Simone Bianchetti, of South Africa, who also arrived too late to be included in the official start.

One small punt on Man, one giant leap for the bookmakers

Andrew Longmore enjoys a day among the trilbies and T-shirts at Newbury

The bookmakers had no chance. If they had but known the extent of the cunning, experience and downright financial wizardry heading towards them on the 11.27 from Paddington on Saturday, they would surely have hauled their satchels away to their Jaguars and fled.

The big man across the compartment had already found the winner of the 1996 Oaks — a 750,000-guinea yearling with "a head like a duchess and a backside like a barrow boy" — so the afternoon's card at Newbury was going to be a breeze.

By Reading, he and his cronies were in full flow, scattering reputations like confetti across the countryside. Swinburn: "Nice jockey, but doesn't put it all in, does he?" Eddery: "Nice jockey, but never got on with him." Piggott: "Nice jockey . . ."

The arrival of a wizened old man in a Royal Artillery tie brought a sense of perspective to the prejudice. He sat next to me and bemoaned the lack of runners on the card: 38 in five races apart from the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, which promised to be a cracker.

Never put on a bet, he said. Just went down to see his old friends and reminisce a little. He had been a jump jockey for 20 years, had ridden a horse called Elsich in the first post-war Gold Cup and National in 1946.

"Good times?" I asked. "No," he replied curtly, "poverty. A fiver a ride in those days. They get £95 now." He did not, on the whole, think Dunwoody and Maguire, today's champions, were worth it, but he knew more about racing than the compartment's occupiers combined.

Train is the only true way to travel to the races. Quite apart from the chance for conversation and for avoiding traffic, which around Newbury can be considerable, the journey is historically accurate.

The development of the railways played an integral part in the growth of horse racing, and if Newbury racecourse station has not seen a lick of paint since the age of steam, the rusting wrought iron bridge over the tracks to the course only heightened the sense of old-world charm. You could not argue with the value, £16.80 for a ticket that included the return trip to Paddington and entrance to Tattersalls — a couple of winners should cover it — and the train was easy to find. I just followed the men with tweeds and binoculars the size of bazookas.

> 'It wilted under the weight of my fiver'

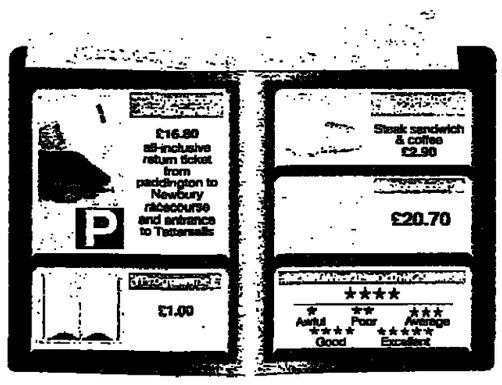
At Newbury came the great divide. Ties and trilbies to the right, into the handsome members' enclosure; T-shirts and the unwashed to the left, into the less pristine Silver Ring and the Tatts. I went to the left through rickety old turnstiles, past the crèche (£1 an hour for the twos-to-fives, £2 an hour for the fives-to-eights) and the Tote, into the bowels of the course, where the accents of East Ham and Eton mingle in a riot of exaggerated vowels and lost consonants and the gentry do battle with the likes of Joe Button, bookmaker of Bath.

Newbury has undergone considerable change in recent years. It is now one of the best racecourses in the land, well kept without being manicured, radiating the solidity of middle England, but the development has started at the top and has not quite reached the Tattersalls enclosure yet. Facilities are varied but basic. My steak sandwich reminded me of a remark Colin Dredge, the Somerset fast bowler, once made as he surveyed his lunchtime meat pie. "Was there racing at Taunton yesterday?"

Still, visibility is good and you can bet on anything, anywhere, in any combination, wander up to the paddock to survey the horses and the splendour of the Berkshire Stand.

I tackled the placepot for £1, but had a problem with the big race. I had already saddled the grey One Man with the "next Dessie" tag before Cheltenham last year and he had buckled under the weight of that and my fiver. I reckoned I owed him one, so backed Tipping Tim instead. You know the rest. One Man cantered home at the ludicrously generous odds of 4-1.

The rest of the racing was a little pedestrian. Halkopous finished "distressed" at the end of the long-distance hurdle race, though not half as distressed as the punters who had backed him down to odds-on favourite. Jamie Osborne rode four winners, though I might have managed a couple of them. For the fifth race, I walked down to the last fence. The manoeuvre brought a glimpse of the jockeys' raw courage but no change of fortune. I cut my losses before the last and caught the 3.43 back to Paddington, wiser, poorer and trying desperately to remember the name of that certainty for the Oaks the year after next.



De Villiers pace inspires hope

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A SUPERB spell of fast bowling from Fanie de Villiers put South Africa back in contention after a remarkable third day of the first Test match against New Zealand in Johannesburg yesterday. De Villiers, who took three wickets in the space of nine balls, destroyed the top order of New Zealand's second innings as they crumbled to 34 for five. At the close, New Zealand had recovered slightly to 81 for five with an overall lead of 213.

De Villiers struck with the first ball of the innings when he trapped Murray leg-before. A partnership of 32 between Young, who scored 18, and Fleming, 15, steadied the innings, but, when de Villers changed ends, New Zealand lost four wickets for two runs in the space of five overs.

Thefirst to go was Fleming, who looked unlucky to be given out caught behind off Matthews, although it appeared that he had not touched the ball. Three overs later — and de Villiers' first from the Golf Course end — Crowe got an inside edge on to his stumps for nought.

Off the next ball, Rutherford picked up the second first-ball duck of the innings when he pushed forward to a ball which left him, and McMillan, tumbling to his left at first slip, took a superb catch. Thomson survived the hat-trick ball, but then saw de Villiers induce an edge from Young to the wicketkeeper, Richardson.

If de Villiers was South Africa's bowling hero, Richardson, in pain from a broken thumb despite using a protective guard, played an equally important role when his side were batting earlier in the day.

With Cullinan, who scored 58, and Rhodes, who made 37, falling within the first hour, Richardson first helped South Africa past the follow-on mark of 212, then took their first innings to 279 before he was the last man out with 93, his highest score in Test cricket. He batted just under three hours.

☐ Queensland strengthened their position at the top of the Sheffield Shield after beating Western Australia by seven wickets in the historic day-night game in Perth. Queensland picked up six points to move to 20, a comfortable margin over second-placed Victoria on 11.1. This was the first match at this level to be played on a day-night basis. Queensland owed much to Allan Border's three-hour innings of 54.

Western Australia lost the services of Bruce Reid, their Test fast bowler, when hetore a muscle in his right thigh after bowling only three overs on the last day.

☐ Jason Gillespie, South Australia's pace bowler playing in his first match, humbled injury-hit Zimbabwe in their one-day match in Adelaide yesterday. A brilliant second spell of four for 12 by the 19-year-old helped dismiss the touring team for 186 in 47.5 overs.

Darren Lehmann and Paul Nobes then put on 82 in just nine overs to set up a comfortable seven-wicket win for the state side. Lehmann scored 59 off just 31 balls.

The defeat came just five days before Zimbabwe meet Australia in their opening World Series limited overs match.

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Congratulations to Colin McRae, Derek Ringer, the Subaru Impreza 555 and the four Pirellis on winning the RAC Rally.

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Owner's heavy investment reaps rich dividend in Hennessy

One Man strides towards Cheltenham

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

WHEN John Hales accompanied Gordon Richards to the bloodstock dispersal sale of the late Arthur Stephenson at Crawleas last year, his heart was set on buying a promising grey horse with a tall reputation.

However, the disciplined mind of the Shropshire businessman, whose toy manufacturing company has an annual turnover of £9 million, was adamant about the price. His maximum bid would be £40,000.

Fortunately, as so often happens in the rarefied atmosphere of a sales ring, Hales allowed his heart to overrule his head and — with a gentle nudge from the Greystoke trainer — he kept bidding until the auctioneer's hammer came down in his favour. By yesterday morning the 68,000 guineas he splashed out for One Man looked like one of the most astute investments of the decade.

The enormously impressive victory of the six-year-old in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday thrust One Man, the first horse to carry Hales's colours, towards the front rank of the betting for the 1995 Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

"To get a horse like him is incredible; he is going to make dreams come true," Hales said yesterday, after a night of celebration which ended with the proud owner inevitably watching replays of how Tony Dobbin and One Man triumphed from Lord Relic, Commercial Artist and last year's winner, Cogent.

The winning owner added: "At the dispersal sale, my peak was going to be £40,000, but you just got this feeling about the horse. He seemed to have something. I talked to the boys in the yard and they all said 'this is the one'."

Richards had no doubts. His card had been marked by Arthur Stephenson before his death. "I was standing with the maestro one day and he said 'look at this boy, wait until he goes over a black one [fence]'. I can see him now."

As bidding at the sales progressed towards Hales's maximum, Richards leant across and told him: "If you don't have him, I am going to." The persuasion worked and few people have more reason to be thankful than the 65-strong workforce at Golden Bear Products, the Telford-based company run by Hales.

"I think everbody in the company backed him for the Hennessy, except me. John Moreton, who was involved in Rhyme 'N' Reason [the 1988 National winner] and introduced me to Gordon two years ago, gave me some advice: enjoy him, don't back him."

Further enjoyment looks assured. Richards yesterday identified the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase at Wetherby on Boxing day as his next target, rather than the King George VI Chase at Kempton, where he would be meeting more experienced rivals on level terms. He will then have a rest before one race prior to the Cheltenham Gold Cup, for which he is 12-1 with Ladbrokes and 14-1 with Coral.

One Man was leniently handicapped off bottom weight at Newbury and even after Christopher Mordaunt, the official handicapper, has raised him to a new mark between 140 and 145, he will still be a considerable way behind the top chasers, Barton Bank and The Fellow (170), Bradbury Star (169) and Jodami (168).

However, two years ago Jodami finished second in the Hennessy off a similarly low handicap rating before winning that season's Cheltenham Gold Cup. Mordaunt described the way One Man ran as "an outstanding performance" and "very exciting."

Richards believes Titus Oates and Playlord to have been among the best horses to have passed through his hands since he took out a training licence 30 years ago, and remarked yesterday: "Whether this guy is up to their standard I don't honestly know. It would be nice if he could get up to their steps. He's good, he's young and he has that little bit of foot."

The way he quickened away from his field on Saturday, after taking the lead at the third-last fence, was certainly eye-catching. The disappointment of the race was Dubacilla, who stayed on to be fifth. Never travelling particularly well, a mistake on the second circuit ended any chance of winning. Adrian Maguire reported she had not even travelled well to the start and he knew they were in trouble by the first fence.

Aside from the Hennessy, Newbury offered up a host of Cheltenham festival clues, especially for Oliver Sherwood and Jamie Osborne, who rode a four-timer. Despite a mistake at the third-last flight in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle, Large Action still won readily to maintain his prominent position in the Champion Hurdle betting.

Intensive schooling during the summer, under the eye of Yogi Breisner, has transformed Coulton's jumping and, after his runaway victory in the North Street Handicap Chase, Oliver Sherwood is thinking of a crack at the Queen Mother Champion Chase next spring.

DAVID GILES



One Man and Dobbin sail over the last fence on their way to an impressive victory in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CELTIC PRINCE
(1.00 Worcester)
Next best: Ivy House
(1.30 Worcester)

Merry Gale strengthens Cup claims

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT AT PUNCHESTOWN

MERRY Gale proved himself a genuine Gold Cup contender when running the Sun Alliance winner Monsieur Le Cure ragged in the Durkan Chase at Punchestown on Saturday. The Jim Dreaper-trained gelding is now 10-1 for the Cheltenham showpiece.

Starting 9-4 co-favourite with Monsieur Le Cure and Belvederian, Merry Gale made virtually all and at such a strong pace that the British raider, making his seasonal debut, was soon struggling to stay in contention and he blew up five fences from home.

John Edwards, Monsieur Le Cure's trainer, said: "The horse is fine and Paul [Carberry] said he blew up after the last ditch. I think the sticky ground found him out." Belvederian made a series of jumping errors and was pulled up lame, leaving Merry Gale to beat Nuaffe by an impressive 15 lengths.

Merry Gale will take on Ireland's other Gold Cup hope, Flashing Steel, in the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown over the Christmas holiday and Dreaper has not ruled out a pre-festival trip to Cheltenham. "I suppose it should be done to see how he copes with the track and travelling," Dreaper said.

Dreaper's name has always been synonymous with the mercurial Carvill's Hill and he sees many similarities between his former star and Merry Gale. "This fellow has a good cruising speed but isn't very fast, rather like Carvill's Hill. He needs good chasing ground. On faster ground, horses could stretch him," he said.

Dreaper had been hoping Merry Gale would have had a more competitive race on Saturday to find out how good he really is. However, although Merry Gale did not have to battle on Saturday, he certainly looks a talented performer.

☐ The Japanese-trained Marvelous Crown, a 9-1 chance ridden by Katsumi Minai, yesterday won the world's richest race when he beat the American hope, Paradise Creek, by a nose to land the Japan Cup in Tokyo. Another home-trained horse, Royce And Royce, was third. It was the third consecutive victory for the host nation and earned Sadao Sasahara, owner of the four-year-old gelding, £1,023,498.

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THUNDERER

12.20 Lucky Dollar. 12.50 Act Of Parliament. 1.20 Sweet Mignonette. 1.50 Gallateen. 2.20 **LOCH SCAVAIG (nap)**. 2.50 Dundee Prince. 3.20 Dancing Dove.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.20 **LUCKY DOLLAR.**

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .. B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.20 ARTHUR STEPHENSON MEMORIAL NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,981: 2m 6f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 200-162 BISHOPS CASTLE 18 (G) (B McNichol) T Carr 6-11-5 .. J Supple (5) 65
2 14 LUCKY DOLLAR 10 (S) (G Mitre) K Bailey 6-11-5 .. N Williamson ⊞
3 600-41 NOW YOUNG MAN 26 (CD,F) (Mrs A Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-5 .. J Railton 76
4 CARLEY LAD (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Richards 6-10-12 .. A Dobbin –
5 005P-22 MASTER BAVARD 23 (BF,G) (P Monteith) P Monteith 6-10-12 .. T Jenks (3) 66
6 0 PAGLIACCIO 24 (A Stewart) M Hammond 6-10-12 .. D Bentley (3) –
7 P00-5 RUSTY BLADE 67 (Mrs M Nisbet) P Monteith 5-10-12 .. S de Burgh 70
8 12 WILLS TELMAR 21 (F) (T Harty) J Johnson 6-10-12 .. C Swan –
9 00-0 DAY RETURN 17 (Duke of Alnoll) Mrs D Thomson 5-10-7 .. T Reed 61
10 0 FREETOME 21 (J Charlton) J Charlton 6-10-7 .. A K Smith (7) –
11 GAME POINT (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 5-10-7 .. Mr A Manners (7) –
12 62406-2 MANETTIA 21 (G) (G Stevenson) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-7 .. P Niven 62
13 MISS BROOK (G Lofthouse) R Allan 5-10-7 .. S Melrose (7) –
14 0 MISS HUNTCLIFFE 21 (Mrs J Askew) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-7 .. N Smith –

BETTING: 7-4 Lucky Dollar, 5-1 Master Bavard, 6-1 Now Young Man, Manettia, 7-1 Bishops Castle, 8-1 Wills Telmar, 10-1 Carley Lad, 16-1 others.

1993: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM FOCUS

BISHOPS CASTLE 4l 2nd of 7 to Exemplar in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). LUCKY DOLLAR 10¾l 4th of 10 to Over The Pole in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good). NOW YOUNG MAN beat Gymcrak Cyrano 1¾l in 10-runner amateur riders' maiden hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). MASTER BAVARD ¾l 2nd of 11 to Briar's Delight in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good). WILLS TELMAR 3l 2nd of 24 to Ben Cruachan in National Hunt Flat race at Carlisle (2m 1f, good). MANETTIA 30l 2nd of 17 to Call My Guest in maiden hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good) with FREETOME tailed off 9th and MISS HUNTCLIFFE 10th.
Selection: LUCKY DOLLAR (nap)

12.50 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£4,260: 3m 1f) (9 runners)

1 2201-61 ACT OF PARLIAMENT 9 (B,F,G) (J Perriss) K Bailey 6-11-9 .. N Williamson ⊞
2 2320-11 ALI'S ALIBI 20 (G,S) (Mrs B Kearney) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-9 .. P Niven 90
3 P ALY DALEY 47 (M Tobin) J Johnson 6-11-2 .. C Swan –
4 0,0-0026 CHARLIEMAC 72 (Mrs V Cunningham) W Cunningham 7-11-2 .. N Smith –
5 300-3F5 FORWARD GLEN 23 (F) (P Cheesbrough) P Cheesbrough 7-11-2 .. A Dobbin 76
6 6410 JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN 590 (S) (J Adam) J Adam 7-11-2 .. J Railton –
7 4555-32 KILCOLGAN 23 (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-2 .. B Storey 80
8 5P6-6U3 SNOOK POINT 18 (I Jordon) D Lamb 7-11-2 .. Mr A Manners 87
9 0004-P3 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 24 (Mrs V Robson) R Tate 6-10-11 .. T Reed 55

BETTING: 4-6 Act Of Parliament, 11-4 Ali's Alibi, 6-1 Kilcolgan, 8-1 Snook Point, 12-1 Forward Glen, 14-1 Charliemac, 16-1 Mischievous Girl, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ACT OF PARLIAMENT beat Zamirah 20l in 10-runner novice chase at Aintree (2m 4f, good). ALI'S ALIBI beat Four Deep 8l in 12-runner novice chase at Sedgefield (3m 5f, good). JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN beat Run Pet Run 15l in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) in April 1993. KILCOLGAN 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Highlandman in novice chase at Newcastle (3m, good) with FORWARD GLEN tailed off 5th. SNOOK POINT 2¾l 3rd of 5 to Son Of Iris in novice chase over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: ACT OF PARLIAMENT

1.20 MOET & CHANDON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,723: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 501 NOYAN 17 (D,G) (C McCrae) L Lungo 4-12-0 .. T Reed 93
2 0 DARK CONE 7 (Mrs A Martin) G Richards 5-11-7 .. A Dobbin –
3 00/ LATVIAN 28F (I Bell) R Allan 7-11-7 .. B Storey –
4 00000/3 MUSKET SHOT 17 (J Bradburne) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-7 .. Mr J Bradburne ⊞
5 0/436/0 OWT ON 7 (Regent Decorators Ltd) J Hellens 7-11-7 .. A Larnach (3) –
6 F300- TALOS 289 (Mrs G Lister) D Moffatt 6-11-7 .. D J Moffatt 96
7 0 WATER SKIER 48 (Durham Drapes Ltd) J Johnson 4-11-7 .. C Swan –
8 65/ ANOTHER LEAF 1011 (R McDonald) R McDonald 7-11-2 .. R Hodge –
9 2P5-P0F MISS JEDD 12 (W Young) W Young 7-11-2 .. J Burke (3) 88
10 MRS TEASDALE (J Adam) J Adam 8-11-2 .. Mr C Healy (7) –
11 SWEET MIGNONETTE 28F (R Whitehead) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 .. P Niven –
12 DOCKMASTER 74F (J Gordon) Miss M Milligan 3-10-5 .. N Williamson –
13 MISS GREENYARDS (J Blacklock) J Haldane 3-10-0 .. L Wyer –
14 0P UP THE MARINERS 20 (D Robinson) D Robinson 3-10-0 .. M Robinson –

BETTING: 2-1 Noyan, 9-4 Sweet Mignonette, 6-1 Musket Shot, 14-1 Dockmaster, Talos, 16-1 Dark Cone, Owt On, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

NOYAN beat Fox Sparrow ¾l in 9-runner maiden hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). LATVIAN showed little in two novice hurdles two seasons ago, but winning stayer on Flat during the summer. MUSKET SHOT 4¾l 3rd of 11 to General Command in maiden hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). OWT ON 39l 9th of 18 to Fret in selling handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). TALOS best effort to date when 23l 3rd of 17 to Aslan in novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, soft). SWEET MIGNONETTE fairly useful 1m/1m1f handicapper on Flat. Finished 6l 6th of 30 to Halling in Cambridgeshire handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good) in October.
Selection: NOYAN

1.50 MASON ORGANISATION CHAMPION CHASE (Handicap: £12,015: 3m 4f) (7 runners)

1 2P6U1-0 USHERS ISLAND 16 (F,G) (R Bowden) J Johnson 8-11-7 .. C Swan ⊞
2 111P2-1 GALLATEEN 13 (C,F,G,S) (E Madden) G Richards 6-10-1 .. A Dobbin 98
3 1P/6P-24 NATIVE PRIDE 19 (B,F,G,S) (I S Racing) K Bailey 7-10-0 .. N Williamson 95
4 2111-11 MORGANS HARBOUR 10 (F,G,S) (P Owen) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0 .. P Niven 9C
5 32242-4 BLUFF KNOLL 23 (CD,F,G) (R Brewis) R Brewis 11-10-0 .. G Harker 90
6 6-00513 EASTERN OASIS 17 (F,G,S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 11-10-0 .. R Murphy (7) 8C
7 FU4-231 CEILIDH BOY 40 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-0 .. F Leahy (5) 69

Long handicap: Native Pride 9-9, Morgans Harbour 9-5, Bluff Knoll 9-0, Eastern Oasis 8-3, Ceilidh Boy 8-1.
BETTING: 2-1 Gallateen, 5-2 Ushers Island, 11-4 Morgans Harbour, 6-1 Native Pride, 12-1 Bluff Knoll, 20-1 Eastern Oasis, 25-1 Ceilidh Boy.

FORM FOCUS

USHERS ISLAND 39l 8th of 14 to Bradbury Star in grade II Mackeson Handicap Chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). Beat Antonin 2½l in 12-runner grade III Whitbread Chase at Sandown (3m 5f 110yd, good). GALLATEEN beat Padaventure 4l in 7-runner handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). NATIVE PRIDE 7l 4th of 6 to Midnight Caller in handicap chase at Newbury (3m, heavy). MORGANS HARBOUR beat D'Arblay Street 15l in 11-runner novice hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft). BLUFF KNOLL 3¼l last of 4 to Unholy Alliance in handicap chase at Newcastle (3m 6f, good). EASTERN OASIS 9½l 3rd of 7 to Ivy House in handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m 110yd, good). CEILIDH BOY beat Kushbaloo head in 3-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (3m, firm).
Selection: GALLATEEN

2.20 N.B. MASON ENTERTAINMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,501: 2m 6f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 112-222 LOCH SCAVAIG 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs G Turnbull) D Moffatt 5-12-0 .. D J Moffatt (3) ⊞
2 150P4-6 DANCE OF WORDS 16 (F,G,S) (Top Of The North Club) J Johnson 5-11-9 .. C Swan 96
3 2403-25 BONANZA 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-4 .. R Hodge 94
4 30521-0 MAJOR BELL 11 (F,G,S) (A Whillans) A Whillans 6-11-3 .. M Moloney 93
5 36-3114 ELEGANT KING 5 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 5-10-10 .. P Morris (7) 95
6 012-P16 MANGROVE MIST 17 (CD,F,G) (Coupar Racing) P Monteith 6-10-0 .. T Jenks (3) 97
7 13-3424 VALIANT DASH 44 (BF,F,G,S) (L Dunbar) J Goldie 8-10-0 .. F Perratt (5) 95

Long handicap: Mangrove Mist 9-13, Valiant Dash 9-12.
BETTING: 7-4 Loch Scavaig, 3-1 Elegant King, 4-1 Bonanza, 7-1 Dance Of Words, 10-1 Major Bell, Valiant Dash, 12-1 Mangrove Mist.

FORM FOCUS

LOCH SCAVAIG 3½l 2nd of 9 to Fuzzy Logic in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, soft) with DANCE OF WORDS (5lb better off) 30l 6th. BONANZA neck 2nd of 9 to Hurricane Tommy in handicap chase at Sedgefield (3m 5f, good) on penultimate start. MAJOR BELL beat Over The Pole 1¾l in novice hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. ELEGANT KING beat Good Insight 1¼l in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, soft) on penultimate start. MANGROVE MIST beat Pomona 2¾l in 7-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. VALIANT DASH 8¾l 4th of 6 to Integrity Boy in amateur riders' handicap hurdle over course and distance (firm).
Selection: LOCH SCAVAIG

2.50 OSWALD HUGHES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING CHASE (£2,705: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 U521RR DUNDEE PRINCE 4 (B,S) (Dandelion Distribution Ltd) K Bailey 6-11-12 .. F Leahy ⊞
2 2/33-05 ABSALOR 9 (V,F,G) (Lady Harris) Mrs S Bradburne 10-11-8 .. A Watt (7) 98
3 15P4-52 BENNAN MARCH 16 (CD,S) (B O'Kane) P Monteith 7-11-8 .. T Jenks 98
4 44F-3P4 CARDENDEN 18 (N Alexander) J Barclay 6-10-12 .. F Perratt 83
5 4-3PP43 EBRO 10 (G,S) (Mrs F Veacey) V Thompson 8-10-10 .. D Bentley 98
6 646345 LITTLE GENERAL 20 (F) (T Harrington) V Thompson 11-10-8 .. A Larnach 77
7 5-422P5 REEF LARK 20 (F,S) (N Dixon) S Campion 9-10-6 .. P Midgley 88
8 440400 RICH NEPHEW 20 (F,G,S) (N Robinson) V Thompson 9-10-8 .. D J Moffatt 68

BETTING: 9-4 Dundee Prince, 11-4 Bennan March, 7-2 Absalor, 5-1 Ebro, 7-1 Reef Lark, 12-1 Rich Nephew, 16-1 Little General, 20-1 Cardenden.

FORM FOCUS

DUNDEE PRINCE beat Factor Ten 12l in 8-runner novice chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) earlier this month. ABSALOR disappointing since 8l 3rd of 8 to Barkisland in amateur riders' handicap chase at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) in April. BENNAN MARCH 4l 2nd of 7 to Tartan Tradewinds in handicap chase at Ayr (3m 1f, good to soft). CARDENDEN 11¾l 4th of 6 to Spanish Fair in novice handicap chase here (2m 1f, good to firm). REEF LARK best effort this term when 5l 2nd of 8 to Lapaffe in claiming chase at Market Rasen (2m 6f 110yd, good) in September with LITTLE GENERAL (1lb better off) 13l 4th and EBRO (3lb better off) pulled up before 5 out.
Selection: BENNAN MARCH

3.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,495: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 5402-05 HOME COUNTIES 23 (S) (Roxy Cinemas Ltd) D Moffatt 5-12-0 .. D J Moffatt (3) ⊞
2 1125F/ CROSSHOT 950 (C,F,G,S) (R McDonald) R McDonald 7-10-11 .. R Hodge –
3 241-2 WHITE WILLOW 16 (B,BF,S) (H North) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-10 .. P Niven 94
4 F32330- CORNET 201 (V,F,G,S) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 8-10-9 .. L Wyer –
5 300F-04 PLUMBOB 18 (G) (Kenmore Estates Ltd) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-5 .. R Murphy (7) 98
6 33-3401 DANCING DOVE 18 (CD,F,G) (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 6-10-0 .. A Dobbin 97
7 205000- ASTRAC TRIO 177 (G) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 4-10-0 .. T Jenks (3) 9C

Long handicap: Dancing Dove 9-13, Astrac Trio 9-1.
BETTING: 7-4 White Willow, 5-2 Dancing Dove, 4-1 Home Counties, 6-1 Plumbob, 10-1 Cornet, 12-1 Crosshot, 14-1 Astrac Trio.

FORM FOCUS

HOME COUNTIES disappointing since 5l 2nd of 5 to Windward Ariom in handicap hurdle at Cartmel (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm) in May. CROSSHOT 18¼l 5th of 9 to Carobee in grade II Seagram Top Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start in April '92. WHITE WILLOW 3½l 2nd of 7 to Northumbrian King in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft) with PLUMBOB (5lb better off) 20l 4th. CORNET 14½l 5th of 10 to Glenshane Lad in handicap chase at Perth (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DANCING DOVE beat Tigbler Budget 4l in 6-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: WHITE WILLOW

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	39	112	34.8	P Niven	47	127	37.0
Mrs J Goodfellow	10	37	27.0	M Moloney	14	62	22.6
G Richards	32	138	23.2	A Dobbin	14	84	16.7
R Brewis	5	23	21.7	B Storey	25	157	15.9
R McDonald	3	16	18.8	D J Moffatt	5	38	13.2
M Hammond	16	87	18.4	Mr J Bradburne	4	33	12.1

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

12.30 Valianthe. 1.00 Celtic Prince. 1.30 Ivy House. 2.00 Terao. 2.30 Fox Sparrow. 3.00 Mister Oddy. 3.30 Arfer Mole.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY ON BOTTOM BEND) SIS

12.30 SPETCHLEY NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,821: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

101 42-4 SPIRIT LEVEL 13 J Payne 6-11-2 .. Mr R Payne (7) 82
102 4-21 VALIANTHE 11 (B,F) M Pipe 6-11-2 .. R Dunwoody 90
103 09/1 WILL I FLY 10 (F,S) Mrs A Jermy 6-11-2 .. D Gallagher 87
104 00-6 CORPORAL CHARLIE 9 R Baker 5-10-12 .. B Powell –
105 0-60 PHROSE 32 C Weedon 4-10-12 .. Peter Hobbs 67
106 04-2 PIONEER PETE 13 R Frost 7-10-12 .. J Frost 85
107 46-0 ACANTHUS 13 Miss S Wilton 4-10-10 .. T Wall ⊞
108 053- ACHIEVED AMBITION 210 R Baker 6-10-10 .. W McFarland 90
109 0/P5 CENTRAL LASS 11 K White 6-10-7 .. P Ward (7) 70
110 3/06 WINTER LIGHTNING 14 Mrs H Parrott 5-10-1 .. S Curran (5) –

5-2 Valianthe, 3-1 Pioneer Pete, 4-1 Will I Fly, 6-1 Achieved Ambition, 7-1 Spirit Level, 10-1 Corporal Charlie, Acanthus, 16-1 others.

1.00 MALVERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,838: 2m 7f) (8)

201 1P-1 FLYER'S NAP 11 (G,S) R Alner 8-11-10 .. S Earle 97
202 /34- COOLE DODGER 375 (F,G,S) M Pipe 9-11-5 .. R Dunwoody 94
203 P/11 CELTIC PRINCE 13 (D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-4 .. D Bridgwater 96
204 P-43 NICKLUP 17 (S) T Forster 7-10-9 .. M A Fitzgerald 94
205 43-5 TRIBAL RULER 11 (F,G,S) D McCain 9-10-5 .. D Gallagher 98
206 00-P BERESFORDS GIRL 14 (D,F,G,S) P Murphy 9-10-4 .. E Murphy ⊞
207 2-PP PRUDENT PEGGY 13 (S) R Frost 7-10-2 .. J Frost 95
208 6-65 GOLDEN FARE 31 (F) R Lee 9-10-2 .. A Maguire 90

5-2 Celtic Prince, 11-4 Flyer's Nap, 3-1 Coole Dodger, 7-2 Nicklup, 10-1 Tribal Ruler, Golden Fare, 14-1 Beresfords Girl, 16-1 Prudent Peggy.

1.30 RIVER SEVERN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,476: 3m) (8)

301 3-F2 SWITCH 13 (C,G,S) C Brooks 8-12-0 .. G Bradley 88
302 0S0- CAPTAIN DOLFORD 258 (D,S) D Gandolfo 7-11-8 .. D Meade ⊞
303 0-11 IVY HOUSE 17 (D,G,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-1 .. M Dwyer 97
304 25-1 DAMIER BLANC 20 (S) M Pipe 5-10-6 .. R Dunwoody 98
305 16-3 RIDWAN 26 (S) K Morgan 7-10-3 .. A S Smith 95
306 3P-3 CRAZY DAISY 4 (G,S) W G M Turner 7-10-0 .. T Murphy (7) 91
307 -P0P GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 7 (S) G Ham 9-10-0 .. G Tormey (7) 83
308 -4P0 FAR TOO LOUD 18 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 7-10-0 .. W J Walsh (7) 90

3-1 Switch, 7-2 Ridwan, Ivy House, 4-1 Damier Blanc, 5-1 Captain Dolford, 10-1 Crazy Daisy, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Nicholls, 9 winners from 30 runners, 30.0%; M Pipe, 38 from 131, 29.0%; C Brooks, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Miss S Wilton, 4 from 22, 18.2%; D Nicholson, 15 from 93, 16.1%; P Evans, 3 from 19, 15.8%; W G M Turner, 4 from 27, 14.8%.
JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 29 winners from 117 rides, 24.8%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 76, 22.4%; G Bradley, 8 from 43, 18.6%; S Curran, 4 from 22, 18.2%; Mr J L Llewellyn, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

2.00 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,952: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

401 P-21 FRONT LINE 11 (S) J J O'Neill 7-11-5 .. M Dwyer ⊞
402 4-U2 CHARTERFORHARDWARE 18 W Clay 8-11-0 .. M A Fitzgerald 61
403 020- COOLREE 259 (F) P Nicholls 6-11-0 .. C Maude –
404 F-1F ROCKY PARK 11 (S) G Balding 8-11-0 .. J Frost –
405 00-0 SALLOW GLEN 116 (G) P Pritchard 8-11-0 .. Dr P Pritchard –
406 /3P- STORMY FASHION 269 M McCormack 7-11-0 .. I Lawrence –
407 F0/ TERAO 553 (S) M Pipe 8-11-0 .. R Dunwoody –
408 12F2 ZAMIRAH 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-13 .. D Bridgwater 80
409 -4P5 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 12 (F) B Llewellyn 6-10-9 .. Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 70
410 PF-F PINE VALE 11 G Balding 6-10-9 .. B Clifford –

11-4 Terao, 7-2 Front Line, 9-2 Zamirah, 7-1 Rocky Park, 8-1 Charterforhardware, 10-1 Coolree, 14-1 Northern Optimist, 16-1 Stormy Fashion, 20-1 Pine Vale, 25-1 Sallow Glen.

2.30 RUSHOCK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,863: 2m) (9)

501 BEAUMAN 54F P Evans 4-10-12 .. Gary Lyons –
502 00 COALISLAND 13 R Ingram 4-10-12 .. J Lodder –
503 DORMY THREE 37F R Hodges 4-10-12 .. W McFarland –
504 2 FOX SPARROW 17 N Tinkler 4-10-12 .. M Dwyer ⊞
505 000- FURIETTO 65F D Nicholson 4-10-12 .. A Maguire –
506 HIGH LOW 55F W Jenks 6-10-12 .. W Marston –
507 6- ROYAL COUP 205 T Forster 5-10-12 .. J Osborne –
508 436- KADARI 230 W Clay 5-10-7 .. Diane Clay 81
509 /0P- STATE LADY 329 A Barrow 5-10-7 .. B Powell –

13-8 Fox Sparrow, 9-2 Beauman, 11-2 Furietto, 13-2 Dormy Three, 8-1 High Low, 9-1 Royal Coup, 10-1 Kadari, 14-1 Coalisland, 16-1 State Lady.

3.00 KEMPSEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,702: 2m) (4)

601 2184 ALAN BALL 6 (CD,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-12-0 .. A P McCoy (5) ⊞
602 1-53 SAFFAAH 13 (D,G) M Pipe 7-11-12 .. R Dunwoody 92
603 0-21 MISTER ODDY 13 (CD,G,S) J King 8-11-8 .. J Osborne 97
604 3-24 MIGHTY FALCON 18 (B,F,G,S) R Alner 9-11-2 .. S Earle 90

Evens Mister Oddy, 5-2 Alan Ball, 7-2 Saffaah, 5-1 Mighty Falcon.

3.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,075: 2m 4f) (8)

1 2121 ALLEGATION 23 (V,G,S) M Pipe 4-12-0 .. R Dunwoody 92
2 14-5 ARFER MOLE 9 (BF,S) J Old 6-10-6 .. T Grantham 97
3 2-32 TIME FOR A FLUTTER 30 (G) C James 5-10-3 .. S McNeill 92
4 002- BUCKINGHAM GATE 349 (G,S) D Gandolfo 8-10-1 .. Miss S Mitchell (7) 88
5 61-3 VISCOUNT TULLY 14 (S) C Jackson 9-10-1 .. W Humphreys ⊞
6 24-0 FORTUNES COURSE 33 (G) J King 5-10-0 .. A Maguire 98
7 10-5 IMA DELIGHT 20 (D,S) Mrs P Sly 7-10-0 .. Lorna Brand (7) 95
8 0P5- CHIAROSCURO 223 (S) C Price 8-10-0 .. R Bellamy 77

11-4 Allegation, 3-1 Viscount Tully, 9-2 Arfer Mole, 11-2 Time For A Flutter, 7-1 Buckingham Gate, 10-1 Fortunes Course, 12-1 Ima Delight, 20-1 Chiaroscuro.

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G Richards	25	12	16	1	+17.84
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12.10 SUNNINGDALE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Div I: £1,821: 5f) (10 runners)

1 2105 TYRIAN PURPLE 6 (B,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 6-9-10 .. V Halliday 9
2 0300 NOT SO GENEROUS 196 (CD,F,G) W G M Turner 4-9-9 .. J D Smith 3
3 6300 ROCKY TWO 12 (B,D,G) P Howling 3-9-7 .. A Whelan 7
4 0300 DISTANT DYNASTY 19 (C,G,S) B Pearce 4-8-7 .. P Roberts 5
5 0050 VILLAGE GREEN 2 (B,D,S) K C-Brown 4-8-6 .. C Teague (3) 8
6 1620 TOMMY TEMPEST 68 (B,D,BF,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-0 .. S Lanigan (3) 1
7 0060 SWIFT NICK NEVISON 56 K Ivory 3-7-12 .. C Scally (5) 6
8 0-50 HITCHIN A RIDE 42 (E,D,G) R Akehurst 7-7-7 .. Iona Wands (5) 4
9 0000 CRAFTY CRICKETER 19 (B) R Voorspuy 3-7-7 .. D Denby (5) 2
10 0000 PAT POINDESTRES 187 (C,G) R O Sullivan 4-7-7 .. M Baird 10

11-4 Tyrian Purple, 9-2 Village Green, 11-2 Rocky Two, 6-1 Distant Dynasty, 7-1 Not So Generous, 8-1 Tommy Tempest, 12-1 Swift Nick Nevison, 16-1 others.

12.40 WENTWORTH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,710: 5f) (9)

1 0001 STOPPES BROW 25 (V,CD,G) G L Moore 9-7 .. B Rouse 2
2 2501 SUPER SONATA 25 (V,D,G) M Tompkins 9-5 .. S Mulvey (5) 8
3 3400 FIERY FOOTSTEPS 45 (V) P Howling 9-4 .. A Mackay 7
4 0202 NADWATY 33 J Bethell 8-11 .. T Williams 9
5 0025 DAS ISLAND 6 J Jenkins 8-9 .. C Rutter 3
6 0050 MAGIC LEADER 12 T Clement 8-3 .. S Lanigan (7) 6
7 4340 LUGANA VISION 21 P McEntee 7-13 .. N Varley (5) 4
8 000 AL TOTSEVA 12 M Muggeridge 7-12 .. C Adamson (7) 1
9 006 ROYAL DANCER 35 T Clement 7-10 .. D Wright (5) 5

5-2 Stoppes Brow, 3-1 Super Sonata, 4-1 Nadwaty, 9-2 Das Island, 8-1 Fiery Footsteps, 12-1 Lugana Vision, 14-1 Magic Leader.

1.10 SUNNINGDALE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Div II: £1,812: 5f) (10)

1 1010 WARWICK WARRIOR 63 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 3-10-0 .. Victoria Appleby (7) 8
2 -206 AS SUCH 9J (CD,G) N Callaghan 3-9-8 .. A Eddery (5) 8
3 6040 IT MUST BE MILLIE 16 (CD,F,G) G Eden 3-9-7 .. A Whelan 10
4 4006 NORDICO PRINCESS 16 (C,D,G,S) G Oldroyd 3-9-5 .. D Griffiths 9
5 5000 GRANMAS DELIGHT 25 K Ivory 3-9-4 .. C Scally (5) 5
6 0600 PALEY PRINCE 2 (D,F,G) M Usher 8-9-4 .. C Adamson (5) 2
7 2042 TEE-EMM 17 (CD,BF,G) P Howling 4-9-3 .. Debbie Biggs (5) 4
8 0603 SUPER ROCKY 17 (B,D,F) R Bastiman 5-9-2 .. H Bastiman 1
9 0400 BANDITA 160 Miss A Whitfield 3-8-0 .. R Painter 3
10 003/ CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 275P (F) R O Sullivan 6-7-12 .. S Lanigan 7

3-1 Tee-Emm, 7-2 Super Rocky, 5-1 As Such, 6-1 Warwick Warrior, 7-1 others.

1.40 WALTON HEATH LIMITED STAKES (Div I, £1,998: 7f) (16)

1 0005 MONSIEUR PETONG 17 (C,G) D Nicholls 3-9-1 .. Alex Greaves 4
2 300/ AMBER NECTAR 1146J (F) B Pearce 8-9-0 .. W Newnes 7
3 4030 FAYNAZ 74 (D,F) A Moore 8-9-0 .. A Whelan (7) 2
4 0033 HAWAII STORM 17 (B,G,S) Miss A Whitfield 6-9-0 .. R Painter (5) 9
5 0000 KATIE'S KID 42 C Hemsley 4-9-0 .. R Perham 10
6 0-00 REMEMBER THIS 58 C Cyzer 4-9-0 .. R Cochrane 15
7 4065 SIMON ELLIS 182 D Laing 5-9-0 .. G Bardwell 8
8 6504 SPECTACLE JIM 2 (B,G) J O'Donoghue 5-9-0 .. D R McCabe (5) 3
9 0545 BLACK DEED 177 D Williams 3-8-12 .. D Griffiths (5) 6
10 6304 LA RESIDENCE 63 Mrs N Macauley 3-8-12 .. Dale Gibson 16
11 8-00 TITANIUM HONDA 230 C Bristan 3-8-12 .. B Doyle 12
12 0050 TOP TYCOON 10J J Bridger 3-8-12 .. A Clark 14
13 0554 CHARLIES DREAM 2 (B) K Burke 3-8-10 .. J Quinn 5
14 0000 BICHETTE 33 (CD,G,S) G L Moore 4-8-9 .. B Rouse 13
15 0-00 RISK THE WITCH 19 D Cosgrove 4-8-9 .. L Newton (5) 11
16 -060 TASSAGH BRIDGE 208 R Ingram 4-8-9 .. T Ives 1

4-1 Hawaii Storm, 6-1 Monsieur Petong, 7-1 Black Deed, 8-1 Simon Ellis, Spectacle Jim, 10-1 Charlies Dream, 12-1 others.

2.10 WALTON HEATH LIMITED STAKES (Div II: £1,998: 7f) (16)

1 0010 ON Y VA 63 (D,G,S) R Williams 7-9-4 .. Sarah Thompson (7) 11
2 0044 OUR SHADEE 2 (V,CD,F) K Ivory 4-9-3 .. G Bardwell 1
3 0040 SARUM 2 (CD,F,G) C Wildman 8-9-3 .. R Cochrane 6
4 0000 DOME PATROL 35 (CD,G) W Muir 3-9-1 .. S McCarthy (7) 4
5 0050 CANNY LAD 135 (V) D Nicholls 4-9-0 .. Alex Greaves 16
6 2000 DISPAST 19 (B,D,G) R O Sullivan 4-9-0 .. D Biggs 14
7 3044 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 19 (V) C Cyzer 4-9-0 .. T Ives 2
8 4150 POSSIBILITY 42 (D,F) R Ingram 3-8-13 .. D R McCabe (5) 8
9 0050 EWAR GOLD 2 (F,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-12 .. B Doyle 15
10 0000 MAID WELCOME 17 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-12 .. Amanda Sanders (7) 12
11 5500 MISS CHARLIE 48 A Bailey 4-8-9 .. W Newnes 5
12 560 DANSEUSE DAVIS 48 K McAuliffe 3-8-7 .. J Tate (3) 13
13 2003 GREGGINA 17 (BF) P Walwyn 3-8-7 .. Dale Gibson 10
14 4053 JOINT EFFORT 19 A Moore 3-8-7 .. A Whelan (7) 3
15 0000 MATISSE 6 J Bethell 3-8-7 .. T Williams 9
16 5006 THORNIWAMA 19 J Bridger 3-8-7 .. A Clark 7

5-1 Secret Assignment, 6-1 Joint Effort, 7-1 Our Shadee, 8-1 Sarum, 10-1 Matisse, On Y Va, Possibility, 12-1 others.

2.40 GLENEAGLES CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,232: 1m) (12)

1 5041 EVERSET 30 (F,G,S) A Bailey 6-9-11 .. D Wright (5) 9
2 1680 SECUNDUS 38J (C,D,F,S) B Meehan 3-9-9 .. R Cochrane 8
3 0455 CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 23 (D,G) C Brittain 3-9-3 .. B Doyle 10
4 F004 RED VALERIAN 2 (B,D,F) K McAuliffe 3-9-3 .. J Tate (3) 6
5 0410 BUDDY'S FRIEND 118 (CD,BF,F,G) R Williams 6-8-13 .. Sarah Thompson (7) 5
6 60 CARPATHIAN 39 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11 .. A Clark 11
7 5 KINGSFOLD FOUNTAIN 17 M Haynes 3-8-11 .. B Rouse 7
8 MASRAH DUBAI M Jarvis 3-8-11 .. T Ives 2
9 6 FELINE 56 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6 .. J Quinn 4
10 0-0 POOR PRINTER 17 J Akehurst 3-8-6 .. Dale Gibson 3
11 65-0 THIRD DAM 112 B Hills 3-8-6 .. R Street 1
12 4605 TUDOR FLIGHT 30 A Newcombe 3-8-6 .. S Drowne (5) 12

11-4 Cedez Le Passage, 7-2 Everset, 9-2 Secundus, 7-1 Red Valerian, 8-1 Buddy's Friend, 10-1 Third Dam, 12-1 Tudor Flight, 14-1 others.

3.10 ROYAL ST GEORGE'S HANDICAP (£2,635: 2m) (12)

1 0401 ART FORM 19 (CD,F,G) C Cyzer 7-10-0 .. T Ives 2
2 5023 MILNGAVIE 25 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-11 .. T Williams 8
3 1000 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 2 (E,CD,F,G) S Dow 4-9-11 .. R Cochrane 6
4 5046 ALLMOSA 15 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 5-9-3 .. V Halliday (7) 10
5 -032 MIROSWAKI 2 P McEntee 4-9-7 .. J Quinn 11
6 1500 TICKERTY'S GIFT 7J (V,C,F,S) G L Moore 4-8-11 .. B Rouse 4
7 3365 EXTRA TIME 16 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5 .. A Whelan (7) 12
8 50-5 BRANSBY ROAD 21 (E,F) R Akehurst 4-7-12 .. G Bardwell 9
9 0006 KIYAS 17 B McMath 3-7-7 .. A Mackay 5
10 0006 WICKLOW BOY 35 (V) T Clement 3-7-7 .. D Wright (5) 1
11 4305 LA MENORQUINA 16 D Marks 4-7-7 .. M Baird (7) 7
12 4000 LAJADHAL 19 (B) K Bishop 5-7-7 .. N Varley (5) 3

11-4 Art Form, 4-1 Milngavie, 5-1 Sir Thomas Beecham, 7-1 Miroswaki, 8-1 Allmosa, 10-1 Extra Time, Tickerty's Gift, 12-1 others.

3.40 ST ANDREW'S HANDICAP (£2,483: 1m 4f) (12)

1 1506 UNCHARTED WATERS 19 (F) C Cyzer 3-9-10 .. T Ives 12
2 0352 BEAUTETE 35 (E,F) S Dow 3-9-7 .. B Rouse 1
3 3431 BALLYRANTER 27 (V,F,G,S) H Collingridge 5-9-5 .. J Quinn 3
4 2000 INSPIRATION POINT 19 Miss B Sanders 3-9-4 .. W Newnes 10
5 0560 CALISAR 33J (G,S) P Howling 4-9-2 .. A Mackay 7
6 004 PREMIUM BOND 17 (V) I Campbell 3-8-12 .. D Biggs 9
7 0206 TELEPHUS 6 (F) B McMath 5-8-12 .. R Cochrane 8
8 0002 LADY REEMA 17 Miss A Whitfield 3-8-9 .. R Painter (5) 2
9 5045 GLOW FORUM 19 G L Moore 3-7-13 .. S Sanders (5) 5
10 0000 WESTERN VALLEY 19 (G) C Wildman 4-7-11 .. G Bardwell 6
11 0002 YOUNG LUCKY 177 C Wildman 3-7-7 .. D Wright (5) 4
12 0000 WIDE OUTSIDE 21 G L Moore 3-7-7 .. M Baird (7) 11

3-1 Ballyranter, 7-2 Beautete, 4-1 Uncharted Waters, 8-1 Lady Reema, 10-1 Calisar, Telephus, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 23 winners from 73 runners, 31.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 25 from 110, 22.7%; M Johnston, 30 from 135, 22.2%; M Muggeridge, 7 from 36, 19.4%; C Brittain, 13 from 77, 16.9%; N Callaghan, 12 from 72, 16.7%.
JOCKEYS: A Whelan, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; Alex Greaves, 12 from 64, 18.8%; R Painter, 3 from 20, 15%; B Rouse, 20 from 139, 14.4%; J D Smith, 3 from 22, 13.6%; B Doyle, 21 from 160, 13.1%.

Lineout's rise leaves Jenkins room to advance



GERALD DAVIES
At Cardiff

The moment seems to have arrived when Neil Jenkins must run the affairs of the Wales team. Whatever his captain may think or his coach may advise, it is he, the stand-off half, who must ultimately hold the reins. On his shoulders responsibility rests.

Thus far in his career, his role as a potential tactical mastermind has been restricted by the amount of possession that reaches him. The lineout, the most influential set-piece in the modern game, has been an area of scant reward for Wales. They have been debilitated by this constant weakness and, as such, have had to live as observers and not true participants of the scene. They have had to watch as other teams have plundered the lineout and, in consequence, ran the game as they wished. The Wales plan, in these circumstances, has been based on defence and damage-limitation. Jenkins's role has been that of goalkicker.

Matters were dramatically different on Saturday and a significant shift may have taken place. For the first time in a long time, the Arms Park crowd plodded home with a jaunty step. Wales may have lost, Wales may not have scored any tries in answer to South Africa's three, but, in the machine-room of the forwards, a change was detected. In the lineout, where they have lain dormant, Wales, at last, may have found an answer. Derwyn Jones, in the middle of the line, and Gareth Llewellyn, transferred to the front, were immensely successful. Upon them the future might lie.

Wales went home with a song in their hearts after their victory against England, two years ago, and after the defeats of Scotland and France last year, but the melody, they knew, would not linger long. Any resurgence of a lasting nature and conviction needed to be based on finding a lineout jumper and to win the ball with confidence and regularity. Jones and Llewellyn intimated against one of the most powerful forward units in world rugby — described as awesome only a week ago against Scotland — that they may now have some ball to play with.

But what next? The half backs and the rest of Wales's threequarter line must start to learn to live with such possession. On Saturday, they clearly had not. Had they done so, they might have provided Wales with a victory, however improbable. Wales chose to play into South Africa's hands by playing their own game with the ball too often in their hands. A kicking game was what was required. "There was a kicking strategy," Alan Davies, the Wales coach, said, "but we bungled it."

Wales insisted on passing the ball in the face of a South Africa defence that allowed nothing to pass. "Our defensive patterns were immaculate," Kitch Christie, the South Africa coach, said. "When Wales kicked, we looked vulnerable. We had no fears so long as they ran the ball wide."

The touring team has continually enjoyed the luxury of running towards the opposition with their back row being allowed to indulge themselves. An easy remedy was to kick behind them. Rarely have South Africa been forced to turn. Rarely has Joubert been isolated in defence. Wales's most exciting and threatening period was at the close of the first half. Testing high kicks from Jenkins, Moon and Proctor put South Africa under severe pressure and very nearly brought tries — but the home team, for all its possession thereafter, failed to further promote these tactics.

If Llewellyn and Jones are to continue in their prolific vein, then Wales must reassess their tactics. Jenkins, in the course of his career, has had to readjust his playing technique. He has had, on another occasion, to review his place-kicking style. He has had to nurture a big-game temperament.

His biggest lesson, perhaps, is yet to come. He must now learn to be the boss. He must learn, with the amount of possession likely to come his way, the tactical dimension of the game. He must start running the show.

South Africa pushed to the limit

Valiant Wales find cause for hope in wake of defeat

Wales 12
South Africa 20

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SO, WELSH rugby is on its uppers? The South Africans, who left Cardiff yesterday for Ireland and the final week of their tour, may be less convinced of that after this fascinating contest at the Arms Park on Saturday that oscillated before Chester Williams struck the decisive blow deep in the final quarter.

All the traditional pride and passion of the Welsh game was unleashed in a torrent of singing when, with an hour gone and against all expectation, Neil Jenkins kicked his fourth penalty goal and Wales led. Eventual defeat by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to four penalties in the CIS-sponsored international may have been a disappointment, but not enough to stop Alan Davies, the coach, rightly claiming it to be a substantial step forward.

If rugby was a game played totally in the mind, then Wales would have been blown off the park, but this was a side with sufficient character and organisation to put an unkempt opening period behind it and conjure an assertive forward effort that had one of the favourites for the World Cup reeling.

This may not be the time to ask why Derwyn Jones had not, at the least, been taken on one of the summer tours, nor why Ritchie Collins, who hounded Hennie le Roux relentlessly, spent three years in the international wilderness. Both were at the heart of the Welsh tactical plan that, had it been matched by the backs, could have led to a famous victory.

Three South African tries to nil is the other side of the coin, the first of them a gift to Straeuli, who has scored in all but one of his tour games, who received an assist from a harsh decision to penalise Wales ten metres when their captain asked about the initial free kick offence. The latter two were team efforts crowned by the pace and perception of Joubert and Williams.

Achievement of their tour target — success in both internationals — left Kitch Christie, their coach, content that two-thirds of his World Cup side is now in place. Christie could wallow, too, in the resources left at home, but any country with World Cup aspirations needs greater consistency than his kickers have offered. On Saturday, the failure of Joubert's left boot meant that it was not until le Roux's touchline conversion to Williams's try, which gave them an eight-point margin, that South Africa started to play with any freedom.

However, if South Africa dropped points, so too did Wales. On other days, against lesser opponents, they might have scored from two charged-down kicks, or from the swarm that descended on Proctor's cross-kick. More to the point — and their five nations' opponents will recognise this — they played with the confidence of a side capable of winning consistent possession against quality opposition.



Collins: outstanding

"We have been playing against second or third-division opponents and we need to be playing at the top of the world," Davies said. "The more chances we get to play against teams of this calibre, the more we will improve."

If the 6ft 10in Jones enjoyed his debut, the unemotional Gareth Llewellyn was equally entitled to celebrate. Playing out of position at the front of the lineout, he matched Mark Andrews and, between them, Wales stole six South African throws. Where it went wrong was in an unimaginative midfield, which might have done better to recognise the defensive excellence of the opposition and ply a trade in Garryowens.

Of the South African back three, only Williams looked at ease under the high ball. It was part of the Welsh plan not to give the silky Joubert the chance to run at them, but the accuracy of Jenkins's kicking was such that his chasers were able to arrive at the same time as the ball. It was reminiscent of 1989, when from a similar lineout platform, Robert Jones so tormented England with hanging kicks. Jones is no longer in favour with the Welsh selectors, but the Swansea scrum half's speed of pass would have been welcome here.

What if Wales had retained their 12-10 lead for longer than three minutes, when Garin Jenkins rushed offside in front of his posts and le Roux kicked the penalty? Francois Pienaar agreed that his side had not attacked the ball, had been content to defend, yet they were able to increase the tempo and send van der Westhuizen foraging away down the blind side of a ruck established by the admirable Kruger. A narrow corridor, a slick exchange and Williams scuttled in for his second international try in eight days. There was no coming back for brave, brave Wales.

SCORERS: Wales: Penalty goals: N Jenkins (4) South Africa: Tries: Straeuli, Joubert, Williams Conversion: le Roux Penalty goal: le Roux.

WALES: A Clement (Swansea), W T Proctor (Llanelli), M R Hall (Cardiff), M Taylor (Pontypool), S D Hill (Cardiff), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R H Stj B Moon (Llanelli), R L Evans (Llanelli), G R Jenkins (Swansea), J D Davies (Neath), H T Taylor (Cardiff), D Jones (Cardiff), G O Llewellyn (Neath, captain), R G Collins (Pontypridd), E W Lewis (Cardiff), G R Jenkins temporarily replaced by R C McBryde (Llanelli), 33-39min

SOUTH AFRICA: A J Joubert (Natal), P Hendriks (Transvaal), P G Muller (Natal), J C Mulder (Transvaal), C M Williams (Western Province), H P le Roux (Transvaal), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal), J P du Randt (Orange Free State), U L Schmidt (Transvaal), T G Laubscher (Western Province), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), M G Andrews (Natal), P J W Schuma (Transvaal), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R A W Straeuli (Transvaal).

Referee: D Mene (France)

IAN STEWART



Neil Jenkins, whose accuracy was inspirational, converts one of his four penalties

Wasps add sting to London's efforts in attack

London and South East 38
North 16

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

BEFORE this CIS divisional championship match at Sudbury, Steve Bates, the captain of London and South East, acknowledged that his side were favourites, but was adamant that, for him, the competition provided the chance to help to develop what he diplomatically described as "a London style".

"We regard this championship as an opportunity to play some decent rugby, entertain the crowd and have some fun," the Wasps scrum half said. "We will try to whiz the ball about and, because we are Wasps-based, the new style of the club must come through."

Despite the inclusion, for the second consecutive week, of nine Wasps in the London XV, the rattling echo of the public address around their home ground gave away the fact that there was not much of a crowd for Bates's men to entertain. It took a good 25 minutes for them to build up a head of steam, but, once they did so, "whiz" was about right as the North were swept relentlessly aside and they were left to wonder whether, with a quarter of the game gone, they really had been leading 10-0.

London resolved before the match that they would dedicate their style of play to the memory of Richard Langhorn. Forwards were as eager to have the ball in their hands as backs and 27 points — including four tries — without reply in the second half was no more than they deserved. Chris Sheasby, at No 8, capped a tireless performance by the London back row with three tries and Andy Tunningley, the Saracens full back, grew more confident about linking with his three-quarters as the game progressed.

The wing, Shane Roiser, who joined Wasps this season from Rosslyn Park, put London ahead with a try in the left-hand corner nine minutes into the second half and Nick Greenstock, like Roiser only 21, showed pace and handling in the centre that will surely earn him the highest of honours sooner rather than later.

Mike Slemen, the North coach, gave the impression of still being stunned by what he had seen an hour after no-side. He did, however, temper the euphoria by questioning whether "leaving three back-row players on the wing will work at international level."

It certainly works for Wasps. On Saturday, it worked for London and it will be on trial again next weekend when London meet the Midlands to decide the championship. Same time, same place; at its best, it really is worth watching.

SCORERS: London and South East: Tries: Sheasby 3, Roiser, Gregory. Conversions: Gregory 2. Penalty goals: Gregory 3. North: Try: Baldwin. Conversion: Greenwood. Penalty goals: Scully, Greenwood 2.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST (Wasps unless stated): A Tunningley (Saracens) S Roiser (G Childs) N Greenstock, D O'Leary (Harlequins) G Gregory, S Bates (captain), D Molloy, G Botterman (Saracens) I Dunston, A Diprose (Saracens), S Shaw (Bristol), M Greenwood, L Dallaglio, C Sheasby (Harlequins).

NORTH: W Greenwood (Harlequins), J Sleighholme (Bath), P Johnson (Orrell), S Ravenscroft (Saracens), A Healey (Orrell), N Ryan (Wakefield), D Scully (Waterloo, captain), P Smith (Sale), S Mitchell (West Hartlepool), A Smith (Sale), C Vyvyan (Sale), D Baldwin (Sale), J Fowler (Sale), P Manley (Orrell), M Watson (West Hartlepool). Manley replaced by K Westgarth (West Hartlepool, 48 min).

Referee: B Stirling (Ireland).

Midlands impress as Tarbuck commands centre stage

Midlands 43
South-West 23

BY BRYAN STILES

SUPPORTERS handing over their £5 for a seat happily got more than they bargained for at Welford Road, Leicester, on Saturday. Here was a divisional match to enjoy, even if it did become too one-sided at times because of the superior power of the Midlands pack.

The teams, especially South-West, sometimes appeared hastily stitched together, but the match served its intended purpose — to test the emerging green shoots of England's young talent in a harsher climate. It was entertaining into the bargain.

South-West, the holders, relinquished the championship by registering their second defeat of the season, but Stan Liptrott, their coach, feels the teams they have produced have helped England's cause. Some might, however, question the wisdom of fielding three players from the small South Wales club, Narberth, who languish in the second division of the Heineken League.

With the announcement tomorrow of the England Emerging Players XV to meet Canada on December 6 at Bath, there was an additional incentive to stand out from the crowd. Several managed that admirably. One was Chris Tarbuck, at No 8, who revelled in the possession won by the Midlands pack. They were much too strong for their opponents and Tarbuck, encouraged by the wily Gary Rees, frequently had the South-West defence rocking with charges down the middle, or productive back-row moves with Kardooni, his scrum half.

Rees decided on a more expansive game than the Midlands employed in their win over the North in the last round and he was rewarded with a stylish victory by three goals, two tries and four penalties to two goals and three penalties.

Even before the kick-off, it seemed as if Rees would have the upper hand when his selectors called up eight Leicester players, a sure recipe for greater unity. Two of them, Steve Hackney and Stuart Potter, capped fine displays with tries.

Eves kept the South-West in contention with the first of his two tries, but Tarbuck picked up a pushover try to make it 25-13 at the interval and, despite some splendid tackling by the South-West back row, the Midlands continued to roll forward. They can look forward confidently to meeting London in the divisional decider on Saturday at Wasps.

SCORERS: Midlands: Tries: Potter, Hackney, Tarbuck, Skingsley, Hardwick. Conversions: Harris (3). Penalty goals: Harris (4). South-West: Tries: Eves (2). Conversions: Dix (2). Penalty goals: Dix (3).

MIDLANDS: R Angell (Coventry); S Hackney (Leicester), S Potter (Leicester), D Edwards (Leicester), J Thorneycroft (Northampton); J Harris (Leicester), A Kardooni (Leicester); R Hardwick (Coventry), R Cockerill (Leicester), D Garforth (Leicester), I Skingsley (Bedford), R West (Gloucester), J-L Phillips (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham, captain), C Tarbuck (Leicester). Kardooni replaced by D Bishop (Rugby), 70min.

SOUTH-WEST: L Anson (Narberth), N Beal (Northampton), M Denney (Bristol), S Morris (Gloucester), P Hotford (Gloucester); R Dix (Cambridge Univ), R Kiddle (Harlequins, captain); D Crompton (Bath), J Hawker (Gloucester), D Hinkins (Bristol), R Hill (Saracens); D Sims (Gloucester), C Yandell (Narberth), D Eves (Bristol), I Patten (Bristol). Anson replaced by A Turner (Exeter), 51. Beal replaced by M Olsen (Bath), 72.

Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Bracken recalled to play Canada

KYRAN Bracken, the Bristol scrum half who enjoyed so distinctive an England debut against New Zealand just over a year ago before being submerged in two mediocre team displays against Scotland and Ireland, will win his fourth cap against Canada at Twickenham on December 10 (David Hands writes).

Having begun the season with a 54-3 victory against Romania, the England management is clearly seeking to give Bracken more exposure. He could not go to South Africa with the England squad during the summer because of his law examinations, but now has the opportunity to cement his place behind Dewi Morris.

Dean Richards, the Leicester No 8, is also restored to the back row, at the expense of Steve Ojomoh. Richards will occupy his usual position, with Ben Clarke moving to the open-side flank in a reconstitution of the outsize back row that played so well against South Africa in Pretoria in June and against New Zealand and Wales last season.

"Neither of these changes should be regarded as a player being dropped," Jack Rowell, the manager, said. "We are trying different combinations. We want to see how Bracken can fit into the new scheme that we are aspiring to and to give him a game at international level this season."

Rowell departed for the World Cup team managers' meeting in South Africa on Saturday, leaving much of England's preparation in the hands of Les Cusworth, the assistant coach.

Meanwhile, France will field the Toulon centre, Yann Delaigue, at stand-off half in their XV to play Canada at Besançon on December 17.

ENGLAND TEAM

P A Hull (Bristol/RAF), T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps), K P P Bracken (Bristol); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester) Replacements: P R de Glanville (Bath), M J Catt (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell), S O Ojomoh (Bath), G C Rowntree (Leicester), R G R Dawe (Bath)

Cambridge feel optimistic

Cambridge University .. 13
Leicester 24

BY JOHN HOPKINS

THE spectators at Grange Road were entranced by the match. They cheered each attack, groaned at each defensive mistake, sighed at the penalties. They could not take their eyes off the rugby. The trouble was that they were watching Wales v South Africa in Cardiff on television in the bar.

The later proceedings lacked something by comparison, but there was enough zip and pace in Cambridge's side to suggest that Oxford University will not have it all their own way when the two teams meet on December 6, even if Oxford had run Leicester closer a week earlier. What is clear on the evidence of Cambridge's last game before the side for the university match at Twickenham is announced is that they has a strong pack, lively threequarters with a fleet-footed stand-off half and a full back who could double for Gavin Hastings.

In their alphabetical lineup, Leicester included a handful of men who could be considered first-teamers: Wayne Kilford played O, Barry Evans N and Bill Drake-Lee H. For those not familiar with letters, O is full back, N right wing and H a flanker. If you are not good at your alphabet, then do not watch Leicester v Bristol when both sides wear letters. It is a nightmare.

Watch out at Twickenham for Nick Walne, Cambridge's right wing. A Welshman in his first year at St Catherine's, he appeared when Andrew Richards, Cambridge's leading goalscorer and goalkicker, was recently injured. He scored a try with his first touch of the ball and has not stopped since. He scored two against Steele-Bodger's XV last week and one against Leicester.

One advantage of attending a sparsely-populated game such as this is that oral instructions, so often obliterated by crowd noise, are clearly audible. Thus we heard Cambridge's three-letter lineout calls: ESC is one, RFU another and UFO a third. We also heard what the referee was saying to the players. It was of little help, actually, because some of his decisions were baffling.

On the other hand, it was quite clear that Nigel Richardson, the Cambridge captain, was infuriated at the referee's lack of action at the scrums when he bellowed: "Are you going to do something or what?"

Rugby was meant to be played at places like Grange Road on a soft afternoon such as this. An elegant setting not entirely spoiled by the modern architecture of Selwyn College's residential accommodation behind the pavilion. A smattering of spectators, a brace of dons, a gaggle of undergraduates. Long may it last.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Try: Walne Conversion: McCarthy Penalty goals: McCarthy (2) Leicester: Tries: Robinson, D Wingham Conversion: Kilford Penalty goals: Kilford (4)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: * A Dalwood (St Edmund's), N Walne (St Catherine's), G Harrison (Christ's), *A Pelling (Hughes Hall), J Reynolds (Homerton); M McCarthy (Hughes Hall), D Maslen (Girton); L Mooney (Hughes Hall), I Mackenzie (Homerton), M Cox (Hughes Hall), A Metcalfe (Homerton), *R Bramley (St Edmund's), *A Meadows (St Edmund's), *N Richardson (St Edmund's, captain), E Rollitt (Magdalene)
* denotes a Blue.

LEICESTER: W Kilford; B Evans, S Beatham, R Robinson, A McAdam, S Binns, J Hamilton, D Jelley, C Johnson, J Wingham, P Grant, C Fripp, O Wingham, W Drake-Lee. J Murphy

Referee: S Collins (Gloucester Society).

Oxford flourish in attack

Oxford University 61
Durham University 17

BY JACK BAILEY

TWICKENHAM is a little more than a week away and the final spin before the University match is always fraught with difficulty. Not so much a question of winning or losing as playing worthwhile rugby football, honing special moves, playing hard, yet not getting injured before the big day.

In the event, Oxford could hardly have had a better outing to suit their purposes, but, for a time, brief though it was, it looked as though Durham University might have been capable of throwing a spanner into their well-oiled machine.

Durham had scored two tries and, having playing with great spirit while Oxford were at sixes and sevens, plainly saw no good reason why they should not spring the surprise of the season. It was now, however, that the real Oxford emerged.

Though missing Neil Martin and John Daniel, they tightened their game in the forwards, denying Durham much good ball whether from lineout or loose. They ensured that Durham's supply from the tight was gained on the retreat and then they displayed the passing, running, backing up and swift changes of directions that have been the hallmark of their season. Bravely though Durham tried, they had no answer.

The Oxford half backs, Gareth Rees and Mike Kirsten, scintillated. Kirsten's passing was quick, long and accurate. He often looped around in the broken play and sniped at Durham with swift, darting runs. Rees was the mainspring and marshaller of events that saw Oxford's breakaway forwards, most notably Gareth Allison, always ready to attack and which produced formidable running from the backs.

Here, Durham encountered Spencer Bromley in the sort of form that would have done justice to Jeremy Guscott at his best. His electric running, allied to a breath-taking outside swerve, brought him three tries. Both he and Innes Gray were a rare handful.

These players spearheaded an impressive display, but it was a fine all-round performance once those early shocks had been overcome. Mike Llewellyn, of Durham, had seized on Oxford's over-confidence to score both his side's tries, the second after an interception and 70-yard run to the line. By then, Rees had hit the first of his three penalties. His awesome boot later converted six tries as well as gaining vast tracts of ground and setting up Oxford for many an attack.

SCORERS: Oxford: Tries: Gay, Bromley (3), Yeabsley, Howe, Kirsten, Henderson. Penalty goals: Rees (3). Conversions: Rees (3). Durham: Tries: Llewellyn (2). Penalty goals: Haning. Conversions: Haning (2).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: M Joy (Malling, Stroud and Keble); I Gay (RAF and St Catherine's), S Bromley (Cardinal Langley HS and Keble), M Nolan (Tonbridge and Pembroke), T Howe (Sandridge and Keble); G Rees (St Michaels, Victoria and Keble), M Kirsten (Diocesan, Cape Town and Keble); A Boyce (Glenalmond and Keble), D Henderson (Glenalmond and Keble), S Thompson (Durham and St Cross), P Coveney (Clongowes Wood, Dublin and New), R Underhill (Tattersall GS and Green), E Nasser (St Joseph's, Brisbane and Keble), G Allison (St Paul's and Templeton), R Yeabsley (Hawkesbury, Aust and Keble).

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: C Hamlin (St Cuthbert's), J Pickering (Hatfield), M Llewellyn (St Cuthbert's), P Perkins (Hild/Bede), C Kinder (Collingwood), G Moffat (Hatfield), T Cabeman (Grey), E Thompson (Hild/Bede), H McNeile (Hild/Bede), M Fitzgerald (Hild/Bede), A Ludlman (Hild/Bede), S Pearce (Hatfield), R Leach (Travelyan), T Lucas (Hatfield), I Ione (Hatfield).

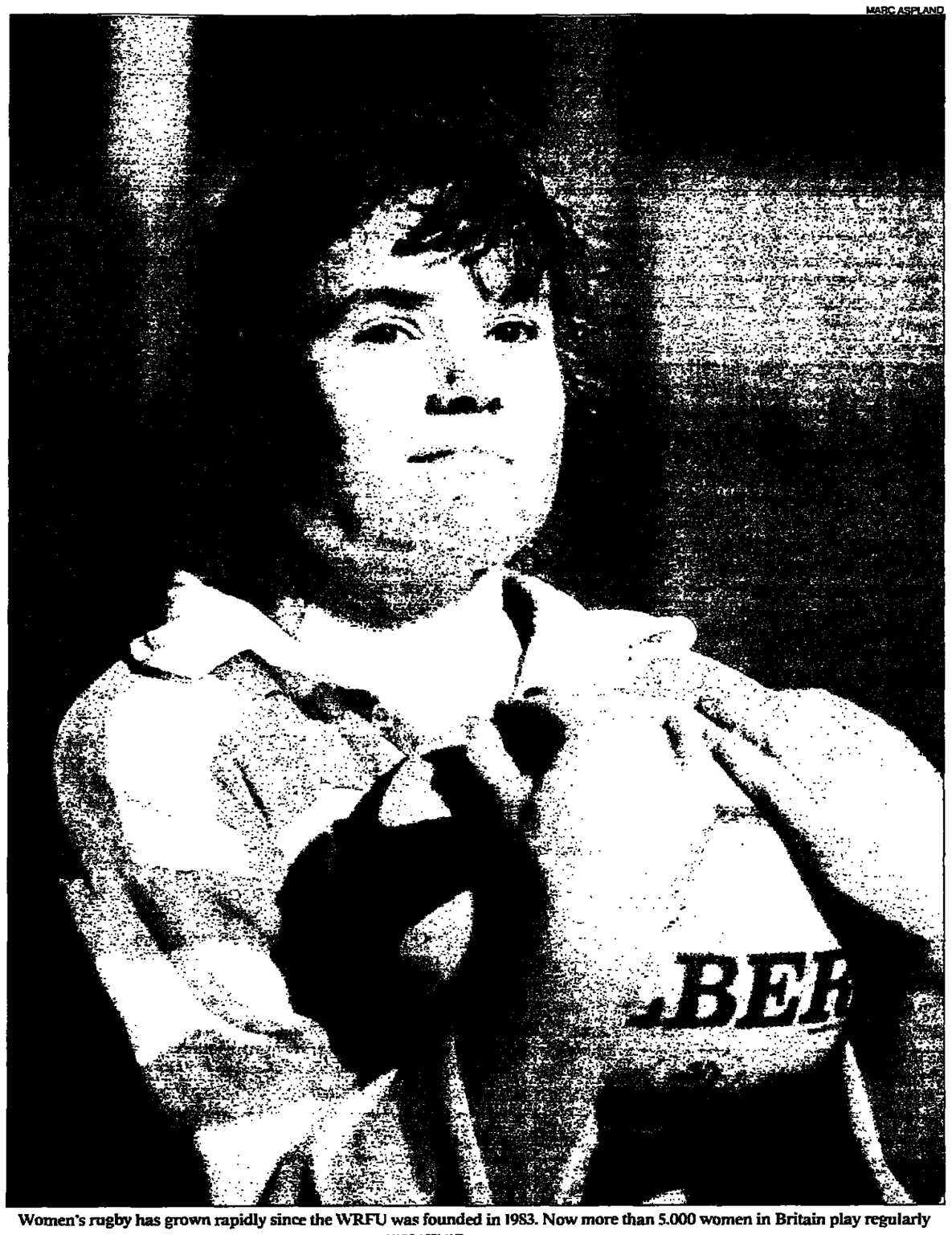
Referee: S Yarwood (Liverpool Society).

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Winning the 1994 World Cup is just one reason why frail little flowers can play rugby, says **Sally Jones**

Good try, lads, but we're still playing

MARC ASPLAND



Women's rugby has grown rapidly since the WRFU was founded in 1983. Now more than 5,000 women in Britain play regularly

SPORT FOR ALL

It had to happen. After 12 years of growth in relative obscurity, women's rugby is in the dock thanks to one unfortunate neck injury in a club match and some ill-judged remarks from that celebrated *penseur* and wit, Jeff Probyn, the former England prop.

The injury, to a 20-year-old student, was caused when a scrum collapsed during a match between Portsmouth University and Worthing. The woman was airlifted to Odstock Hospital in Salisbury, where the neck injury was found to be painful but less severe than at first feared, with one bone broken, the vertebrae bruised but apparently no irreparable damage to the spinal cord.

Probyn used the incident to launch an attack on women's rugby as a whole, saying that the game was unsuitable for women and that its rapid expansion would result in more injuries. On BBC radio he declared: "Women have a place in society, and that's a certain place, and I don't think it includes playing on rugby fields." He claimed that women were not physically capable of a game where the collapse of a scrum might bring half a ton of people down on one player.

"Bah, humbug!" was the typical reaction from top women rugby players over this piece of misplaced gallantry. So what gives Probyn the right to try to deny over half the population the chance to take part in one of the most exciting team games known to man (and, increasingly, to woman)? And why should it be perfectly acceptable for men to break their necks and pull their hamstrings, but not women?

Admittedly rugby is a potentially dangerous game. According to Sports Council statistics rugby players run a higher risk of injury than competitors in any other sport. On average each player runs a one-in-ten chance of sustaining at least a minor injury on every outing. Most seasons bring a small crop of tragic incidents of players (thankfully, no women so far) crippled for life after breaking their necks or backs.

With such a high incidence of injury, no one who plays rugby can be unaware of the risks. England international Carol Isherwood, one of the founders of the Women's Rugby Football Union and a highly experienced coach admits: "All sport carries an element of danger and you can only reduce that so far. What we do is make sure that people are adequately coached and have the technique to deal with everything from scrums to lineouts. We'd never dream of putting slight teenage newcomers in sides with a lot of powerful experienced players, and we have a very good injury record indeed because of this.

"It's outrageous for Probyn to lay down the law on what is acceptable and what is feminine. Perhaps he should redefine his concept of femininity and also his ideas about commitment. We ran a World Cup on less than the Twickenham champagne budget, and the game's taken off safely and successfully, despite us having to operate on a shoestring. The likes of Probyn have no idea how far we've come on negligible resources and his remarks belittle everything we've achieved."

Carolyn Carr, development officer of the Women's Sports Foundation, was equally indignant: "Why should it still be so unacceptable in some quarters for women to play a physical contact sport? It's certainly rooted in all the traditional prejudices, and the way the men treasure the macho bit of being a big, tough, he-man rugby player. Maybe they think that image loses a bit of its impact when more and more women are showing that they too can play."

Certainly women's rugby has grown rapidly in popularity since the WRFU was founded in 1983 from a hard core of around 200 players representing 12 clubs. More than 5,000 women play regularly, as well as hundreds of girls under the age of 12 playing the less physical New Image rugby in mixed teams as part of the RFU's initiative to introduce youngsters to the game.

At international level the home nations are improving fast. England, beaten finalists in the first women's World Cup in Cardiff three years ago, went one better in May, taking the world title in spectacular style over the defending champions, America.

Slowly the women's game is attracting wider and more enlightened media coverage. The BBC televised highlights of both World Cups, and there are growing numbers of features in which journalists discuss the game and its stars on their merits rather than treating the very idea of women playing rugby with the same sniggering prurience that Les Dawson once brought to jokes about female mud wrestlers.

I still vividly remember covering England's first international against France at Richmond in the late Eighties and overhearing a male reporter asking one of the home side whether the players would swap shirts after the match. The reply from this highly trained, dedicated athlete at the start of the most important match of her career was to the point and quite unprintable.

Of course, large pockets of this type of patronising chauvinism remain, particularly among the more bovine male players who like to imagine rugby as an exclusively masculine ritual, and any woman who tries to muscle in is at best unfeminine and at worst lesbian — a major term of abuse in such circles. During a recent edition of *Rugby Special*, a clip of women's rugby was shown. After much guffawing one of the male studio guests declared that he would never date a woman rugby player, as though they were members of a different breed, like a particularly brutal species of Martian.

It is the same knee-jerk male chauvinism that until recently dictated that we frail little flowers — who are perfectly capable of bearing children and who, in the old Eastern bloc countries, are doing most of the hard dirty manual jobs — were too delicate to run marathons, train as fighter pilots or compete at 400-metres hurdles.

Try telling that to the likes of Sally Gunnell and Rosa Mota.

As Sue Dorrington, the highly experienced England hooker, declared wearily: "No one sees the likes of Jason Leonard and Jeremy Guscott getting injured and sidelined for months on end and says 'men shouldn't play rugby', so why should they say that to us? I've had my share of knocks and bruises — we all have — but we're responsible adults and we accept that as part of the game.

"I don't need anyone's approval to play this game. Rugby has given me a wonderful social life, a level of fitness most other people can only dream about, and some of the greatest moments of my life. To deny me that because I might get hurt is paternalistic and utterly ludicrous."

Mini rugby, big thrills



Claire Humphreys at play

You could never describe Mrs Frances Humphreys' six-year-old twin daughters as identical. Jennifer has bright red hair while Claire has a mop of brown. Claire loves playing rugby football with lots of boys, and Jennifer most certainly does not.

Claire's interest in rugby started when she saw her nine-year-old brother Mark striding out onto the pitch at the Saracens ground in Southgate, North London, on Sunday mornings to play mini rugby. She wanted to do that.

After recovering from the surprise that one of her daughters should want to join the muddy world of mauls and rucks, Mrs Humphreys from Barnet, North London, set about kitting out the young player: boots with padded ankle protection, shirt, shorts, thick socks and a gumshield.

Claire is one of a handful of girls at the Saracens mini and youth rugby sessions on Sunday mornings. But several hundred boys join in the two hours of matches and coaching.

The Rugby Football Union has 45 full-time junior development officers around the country working with schools and rugby clubs to promote the mini and junior rugby schemes.

Age ranges start at under seven and go up through 11 levels to 17 or 18, when players become colts. Girls, if they sign up in the first place, tend to disappear from the mixed rugby scene by the age of 12 or 13. "It's the difference in size and strength," says Colin Lockwood, the head of the youth section at Saracens. "You don't get many girls who want to be rushing round a muddy rugby pitch with some big young lads. Also we have problems with changing rooms. There are no separate ones for women."

To ensure a fairly gentle introduction to the game the RFU mini-rugby rules are designed so that the amount of physical contact is initially small. It gradually increases as the child learns and rises to higher levels.

Claire and her under sevens play five-a-side, and there is no violent tackling, scrums or rucks or mauls. They start by throwing the ball to each other before moving on to sideways and backwards passing. Tackling is a two-handed touch on the waist or hips, and the player must immediately turn and pass the ball within three strides.

As the age increases the games become nine-a-side, 12-a-side and then the full 15, when they are 13 years old. Play develops with more facets such as scrums, line-outs and penalty kicks being added until they are virtually playing the full game by the age of 13.

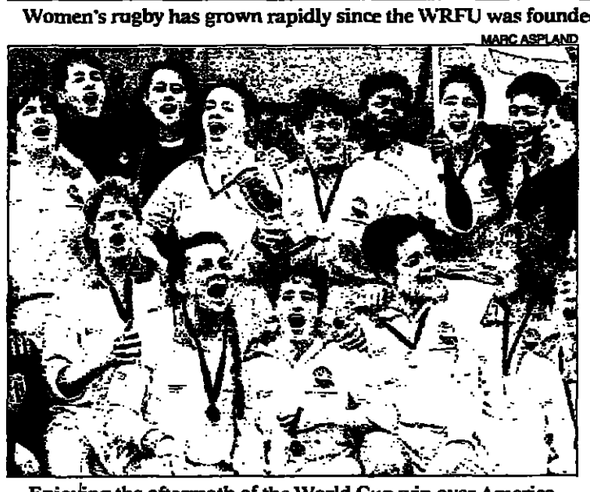
Every parent's worry with rugby is injuries. One new parent, Mr Bart Noone from Winchmore Hill, recalls watching his 14-year-old playing, and hearing with alarm a shout from the sideline: "Rip his arms off!". He was relieved to learn a supporter was simply urging a player to prise an opponent's hands off the ball.

Colin Lockwood says: "We get the occasional knocks but nothing serious." There is a qualified coach for every age group and at least one doctor at each Sunday morning session. The Saracens club also has an insurance policy which covers all the players.

For Mrs Kate Johns from Southgate, whose son Edward is playing for the under 14s, it is "time consuming, but I believe we should support them and I enjoy it. Edward has a Welsh grandfather and at two he was tackling his grandmother in the living room."

JOHN WELLMAN

MARC ASPLAND



Enjoying the aftermath of the World Cup win over America

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How to join.

☐ **Women's rugby:** There are more than 250 clubs in Britain. For details of your local one contact: Rosie Golby, The Rugby Football Union, Twickenham TW1 1DZ (081-892 8161)

☐ **Mini-rugby:** David Shaw the RFU's National Coaching and Youth Development Officer says: "Contact your local rugby club and see if mini rugby is provided. You must check that they operate with a qualified coach. It is also worth choosing a club which gives a caring impression."

There are 2,500 registered rugby clubs in England and 8,000 mini rugby teams. For more information contact The RFU National Coaching and Youth Development Office, Nortonthorpe Mills, Scissett, West Yorkshire. HD8 9LA. Similar schemes are run by the rugby authorities in Wales and Scotland.

The cost: Will vary, but Saracens charges £40 per year for family membership which includes the insurance. You don't pay extra if you have more than one child in the scheme.

Kitting out Claire Humphreys cost: Boots £20. Safety studs £4. Shorts £10. Shirt £15. Socks £5. Gumshield £3.

Passions fire Roses drama

Yorkshire	27
Lancashire	27

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

EVEN without the party — the 125th anniversary of the first Roses match got overlooked somehow — Yorkshire and Lancashire managed a suitably swinging celebration at Otley of a fixture clinging to tradition in the swell of commercialism.

Cross Green was alive with more people and chatter than for the North's opening divisional game the previous week. Identity with a fixture that can still stir passions, notwithstanding the malaise of a competition they have won 28 times between them, remains strong.

Both sides responded in kind. Lancashire, who are unbeaten, rose up twice after looking to have been buried and it was a tired and seemingly deflated Yorkshire, the champions, who at least preserved their hopes by summoning a final push that was deservedly rewarded by a Liley penalty in the third minute of injury time.

Lancashire had been exhorted by one irate female spectator to "stop playing like ballerinas" after succumbing initially to Yorkshire's vim and vigour, instilled in training by two former England captains, Mike Harrison and Nigel Melville. Lancashire were not nimble up front, especially in the case of Beckett, the sizeable prop, but the fleetness of foot of the backs prompted their revival.

They had no perceptible problems in the scrum, but Yorkshire came to regret two deliberate first-half collapses, both punished by Handley. Stewart, before a cut to his eye that should have resulted in his withdrawal far sooner than the last minute, was bountiful in loose and lineout and furnished possession for a try by Atkinson that the home side owed to some admirable support play.

Northey, a prop-cum-centre, whose recent appearance for Waterloo Thirds must have been a shattering experience for the opposition, provided the rapier-thrust in midfield to send in Barclay in a splendid try-covering three-quarters of the pitch, which hauled Lancashire out of their first mire.

A Liley penalty, a typically surging run from full back by the excellent Mallinder and a dropped goal by Cawthorne was probably felt by Yorkshire to be sufficient at 24-13. On the back foot for the final quarter, however, they were suckered by a clever Barclay dummy and another penetrating run by Northey to set up Bibby before Liley dramatically evened the honours with the last kick from 40 yards.

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SCORERS: Yorkshire, Tries: Atkinson, Mallinder. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (4). Lancashire, Tries: Barclay (2), Bibby. Conversions: Handley (3). Penalty goals: Handley (2).

YORKSHIRE: J Mallinder (Sale); R Thompson (Wakefield), S Burnhill (Cleckheaton), J Overend (Otley), S Atkinson (Otley); R Liley (Sale), M Cawthorne (Wakefield); J Metcalfe (Wharfedale), G Throup (Morley), S Rice (Otley), S Tipping (Otley), S Croft (Otley), P Stewart (Wakefield), N Hargreaves (Otley). P Evans (West Hartlepool). Stewart replaced by R Whyley, Harrogate, 79min.

LANCASHIRE: A Handley (Waterloo); A Parker (Fylde), C Bibby (Waterloo), A Northey (Waterloo), D Whittingham (Preston Grasshoppers); I Barclay (Fylde), C Saverimutto (Sale); M Beckett (Waterloo), N Hitchen (Manchester), M Ridehalgh (Sale), M Kenrick (Sale), S Fletcher (Waterloo), P Allott (Waterloo), A Morris (Sale), S Gallagher (Berkenhead Park)

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset)

Canada's build-up reflects final demand

BY GARETH REES

Few of the countries involved in the rugby union World Cup next year can boast a more demanding build-up than Canada. It begins on Saturday with the first of two internationals within eight days, against England and France, and the new year brings six more matches before departure for South Africa.

The daunting reward for those preparations is a place in the World Cup "group of death", based in Cape Town, alongside Australia, South Africa and Romania. While it is fair to say that Romania's shortcomings were sadly exposed on their brief visit to England earlier this month, the prospect of two games in a week against the other countries leaves little to the imagination.

Yet, if Canada are to equal their 1991 achievement of reaching the quarter-finals, they must first dispose of Romania in Port Elizabeth and then beat either the champions, Australia, or the host nation. Their ability to do so will be sternly examined by England at Twickenham and it is vital that Canada perform well if they are to entertain hopes of surprising the world and equalling, if not surpassing, their creditable performance in 1991.

The Canadaian squad that left Vancouver last week and is preparing for its first tour game, against Italy A in Rovigo on Wednesday, is well aware that it cannot afford to stand back at Twickenham and await a flood of white jerseys. However, an analysis of England's recent international programme suggests Canada match the strengths of their hosts particularly well; for example, the back row of Al Charron, a Barbarian next Saturday, the former American football player, Ian Gordon, and the outstanding player of 1991, Gord MacKinnon, will revel in the physical encounter with their English counterparts.



Most of the forwards who scrummaged so well during the 1991 tournament return and Canada will rely heavily on Eddie Evans, the prop now in his third season with IBM, in Japan, to anchor the scrum. Norman Hadley, having finished administering justice on the Circle Line, returns for his country after a long lay-off through injury; his prowess in the lineout is important if Canada seek to attack out wide and stretch England's enormous pack.

From Twickenham, Canada move to Besançon on December 17 (two fixtures, you could say, which replicate the demands of Cape Town) to face a France side intent on revenge after losing 18-16 in Canada last summer. Nor does it become easier after Christmas: in January, the squad returns to the United Kingdom, but this time for an international against Scotland, who will be keen to erase memories of their recent poor form against the so-called "emerging" nations.

The Pan-American Rugby Association (PARA) stages its first tournament in Montevideo in March, bringing Canada into contact with Argentina, Uruguay and the United States. This is a development Canada fully supports and it is likely to become the qualifying avenue for future world cups, when only three countries and the hosts are assured berths.

Support for the April visit to Fiji and New Zealand, however, has been less than universal. It starts with an international in Suva and ends with another in Auckland and was designed to acquaint the squad with being "on the road". However, several players have criticised the tour as being too demanding so close to the opening match of the World Cup on May 27.

It is still a struggle to keep outstanding young players involved in rugby in Canada when they are living in a culture dominated by the dollars on offer in the big four professional sports — ice hockey, baseball, American football and basketball. Nonetheless, the game in Canada is starting to flourish as a truly amateur sport; the recent incorporation of rugby into the Olympic movement means more in Canada, in terms of government funding and support, than it would in established rugby nations.

Moreover, on the heels of the decision to link with the International Olympic Committee came the announcement last week that Canadian Club Whisky would become Canadian rugby's first leading corporate sponsor. The same news conference in Toronto produced the even more stunning proclamation, by Monty Heald, the Canadian Rugby Union president, that Canada "will win the 1995 World Cup in South Africa". In view of South Africa's performances this season, the players may take a more sober view regarding the fulfilment of his prophecy.

☐ *Gareth Rees, who played stand-off half for Canada in the 1987 and 1991 World Cups, will rejoin his national squad after playing for Oxford in the University match on December 6.*

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LISBON: Marathon: Men: 1, Z Nadolski (Pol) 2hr 11min 57sec; 2, T Bekele (Eth) 2:12:35; 3, E Tumbatulin (Russ) 2:12:59. Women: 1, A Barbu (Rom) 2:32:56; 2, F Neves (Por) 2:35:54; 3, A Dudaeva (Russ) 2:39:00

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS): London cross-country championships (6m): 1, S Bell (Cambridge Harriers) 30min 12sec; 2, C Beecham (Highgate) 30.25; 3, K Thompson (London Irish) 30:27. Teams: 1, Cambridge Harriers 19 pts; 2, Highgate 55; 3, London Irish 88. Women: 3 miles: 1, A Ridley (Shaftesbury Barnet) 17.43; 2, A Moutrie (Parkside Harrow) 18:09; 3, F Brown (Shaftesbury Barnet) 18:17. Teams: 1, Shaftesbury Barnet 27; 2, Highgate 60; 3, North London 78

GATESHEAD: International cross-country (6.9km): J Kimmani (Kenya) 20min 6sec; 2, D Lewis (Rossendale) 20:13; 3, S Barden (GEC Avionics) 20:17; 4, R Findlow (Bradford Airedale) 20:21; 5, D Kinara (Kenya) 20:34; 6, S White (Coventry Godiva) 20:40. Teams: 1, North Belfast 97 pts; 2, Sunderland 130; 3, Bingley 162. Women: 5.2km: 1, J Hunter (Valli) 17:36; 2, H Heasman (Invicta East Kent) 17.38; 3, B Hartigan (Birchfield) 17.58. Teams: 1, Leeds City 49; 2, Border 61; 3, Wigan Phoenix 127

OSAKA, Japan): Inter-collegiate women's relay road race (39km): 1, Kyoto Sangyo Univ (Japan) 2hr 10min 21sec; 2, Tsukuba Univ (Japan) 2:12.32; 3, Chuo Univ (Japan) 2:12:56. British: 25, University of London 2:33:21.

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: Scottish championships: Men: Semi-finals: R Magnusson (Swe) bt A Antropov (Russ) 15-1, 15-9; T Johansson (Swe) bt P Knowles (Kent) 15-12, 15-6. Final: Johansson bt Magnusson 17-15, 15-11. Women: Semi-finals: Lim Xiao Qing (Swe) bt A Soendergaard (Den) 11-1, 11-6; J Mann (W Midlands) bt M Soerensen (Den) 6-11, 11-6, 11-6. Final: Lim bt Mann 11-3 11-0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 105 New York 95; Cleveland 101 Golden State 87; Boston 108 Philadelphia 99; LA Lakers 112 Washington 96; Seattle 98 Houston 94; Orlando 113 Milwaukee 105; Phoenix 111 San Antonio 108; Dallas 124 Denver 123

BRITISH LEAGUE: Derby 68 (Gardner 26, Lascelles 11, Semon 10) Birmingham 74 (Lloyd 28, Baker 13, Samuels 11); Hemel 101 (Eller/Koochot 27, Pringle 16) Sunderland 81 (Douglas 24, Nottage 17, Pucic 9); Leicester 82 (Waldron 24, Harris 21, Tresvant 19) Thames Valley 97 (Scantlebury 25, Holley 23, Bucknall 18); Manchester 82 (Robinson 36, Gordon 14, St Kitts 11); London 95 (Lewis 37, Scott 20, Moore 14) Worthing 94 (Lewis 32, Hamed 25, Irish 23) Doncaster 84 (Fife 34, Joseph 18, Modzelewski 12).

BOWLS

DENNY CUP: National inter-club championship: Fourth round: Glebelands 68 Wey Valley 97; Cambridge Pk 84 Paddington 77; Croydon 76 Dartford Stone Lodge 86; Lewisham 79 Cyphers 86; Preston 89 Oyster 72; Margate 56 Folkestone 84; East Dorset 76 Worthing 78; Adur 92 Worthing Pavilion 56; Cambridge Chesterton 60 Huntingdon 75; Lawson Park 87 Sudbury 65; Avon Valley 90 Melton Mowbray 59; Rushden 75 Kingsthorpe 74; North Walsham 92 Wymondham Dell 49; Great Yarmouth 72 Roundwood 86; Cheshunt 72 Essex County 74; Barking 69 Ipswich 99; Desborough 69 Isis 82; Brackley 84 Luton 74; Bristol 89 Malvern Hills 60; Bentham 94 Bromsgrove 63; Moonfleet 80 Ilminster 86; Watchet 66 British Sellophane 98; Teignbridge 84 Bodmin 82; Torbay 84 Isca 73; Cumbria 88 Sunderland 80; Stanley 93 Gateshead 66; Saltburn 63 Hartlepool 101; Thornaby 59 Darlington 80; Blackpool NH 66 Blackpool Borough 103; Old Mill 106 York 53; Nottingham 90 South Forest 77; Lincoln 68 Sleaford 86

LLANELLI: Welsh brewers championship: Second round: B Powell (Port Talbot) bt E John (Rhondda) 7-3, 7-1; J Greenslade (Cardiff) bt A Matthias (Ogwr) 7-5, 2-7, 7-0; R Seymour (Sealand) bt P Howells (Pembrokeshire) 7-2, 7-5; C Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil) bt R Weale (Radnorshire) 7-2, 5-7, 7-3; J Price (Swansea) bt J Donovan (Vale of Glamorgan) 7-1, 7-2; D Smith (Flinth) bt G Ellis (Bro Ddyfi) 7-3, 7-2; W Samuel (Llanelli) bt I Slade (Newport) 2-7, 7-4, 7-3; D Kelly (Torfaen) bt I Thomas (Severn Valley) 7-1, 7-4. Quarter-finals: Powell bt Greenslade 7-1, 7-0; Lewis bt Seymour 2-7, 7-6, 7-4; Price bt Smith 7-4, 7-2; Samuel bt Kelly 7-0, 7-4. Semi-finals: Powell bt Lewis 4-7, 7-3, 7-2; Price bt Samuel 7-6, 7-0

CRICKET

JOHANNESBURG
First Test match (third day of five)
New Zealand v South Africa
NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Young c McMillan b Snell	7
D J Murray c Richardson b de Villiers	25
S P Fleming b de Villiers	48
M D Crowe lbw b Snell	83
*K R Rutherford c Cronje b Eksteen	68
S A Thomson b Matthews	84
†A C Parore c McMillan b Matthews	13
M N Hart c Richardson b Matthews	0
D J Nash c Hudson b Eksteen	18
S B Doull not out	31
R P de Groen b Snell	26
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 1)	8
Total (145.5 overs)	411

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-79, 3-92, 4-218, 5-249, 6-280, 7-280, 8-354, 9-354

BOWLING: de Villiers 34-8-78-2; Snell 33.5-9-112-3; Matthews 28-3-98-3; McMillan 24-8-56-0; Eksteen 23-10-49-2; Cronje 3-0-13-0

Second Innings

D Murray lbw b De Villiers	0
B Young c Richardson b De Villiers	18
S Fleming c Richardson b Matthews	15
M Crowe b De Villiers	0
*K Rutherford c McMillan b De Villiers	0
S Thomson not out	14
†A Parore not out	32
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (5 wkts, 33 overs)	81

M N Hart, D J Nash, S B Doull and R P de Groen to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-32, 3-33, 4-33, 5-34

BOWLING: De Villiers 12-4-21-4; Snell 8-1-42-0; Matthews 7-4-9-1; Eksteen 6-3-7-0

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson c Parore b Nash	10
G N Kirsten c Crowe b De Groen	9
B M McMillan c Murray b Nash	5
*W J Cronje lbw b De Groen	20
D J Cullinan c Parore b Doull	58
J N Rhodes lbw b Doull	37
†D J Richardson lbw b Nash	93
R P Snell c Crowe b Hart	18
C R Matthews c Crowe b Hart	4
C E Eksteen c Fleming b Hart	9
P S de Villiers not out	6
Extras (b 6, lb 6)	12
Total	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-28, 3-38, 4-73, 5-147, 6-148, 7-133, 8-197, 9-254

BOWLING: Nash 24-6-81-3; Doull 21-6-70-2; de Groen 21-2-59-2; Hart 26-7-57-3

ADELAIDE: One-day match: Zimbabwe 186 (A Campbell 66; J Gillespie 4-30). South Australia 187-3 (D Lehmann 59, G Blewett 56 not out).

CALICUT: Tour match: West Indies 176, Bombay 53-2. Match abandoned

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Western Australia 384 (M Veletta 95, A Gilchrist 56, D Tazelaar 6-89) and 146 (G Rowell 4-17, C Rackemann 3-50, Tazelaar 3-65). Queensland 239 (A Border 73, M Love 41, J Angel 4-53) and 3-192 (B 54 not out, S Law 62 not out). Queensland win by seven wickets

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Greater London Open Championship (Addington Hills, Croydon, 24km): 1, R Hammond (GB Amateur), 1hr 4min 24sec; 2, S Douce (PCA), at 23sec; 3, B Clarke (Raleigh), at 48sec. Seacroft Wheelers (Beckett Park, Leeds, 14 miles): 1, R Thackray (Bradford Olympic RC), 1:05:01; 2, J Watson (Bradford Olympic), at 1:43; 3, C Young (Muddy Fox), at 2:07. ABC Centreville (Mandale Park, Rochdale, 14 miles): 1, S Green (Oldham Century RC), 1:06.50; 2, P Whatmough (ABC Centreville), at 53sec; 3, R Hunt (Bolton Mountain Bikes), at 3:40. Kenilworth Wheelers (Halton, Warwick, 10 miles): 1, S Knight (Halesowen A and CC), 56:30; 2, A Siers (Royal Sutton CC); 3, C Morgan (CC Romford). Abercynon RC (Senghennydd, Mid Glamorgan, 10 miles): 1, M Bradburn (Team Psycho), 48:30; 2, G Shepherd (Swansea CC), at 1:00; 3, M Hughes-Dowdle (Swansea CC), at 2:30. Salisbury RC (Romsey, 12 miles): 1, A McDonald (GS Europa), 53.53; 2, S Hargrave (GS Europa), at 4:17; 3, V Stone (Salisbury RC), at 6:15. Avon and Somerset Police CC (Hanham, Bristol, 10.5 miles): 1, J Williams (CC Abergavenny), 50:09; 2, T Locke (Severn RC), at 33sec; 3, A Baum (Swansea CC), at 1.17. Durham Cycle Sport (Hetton Lyons, near Sunderland, 12 miles): 1, J Lambeth (Hades RC), 59:30; 2, D Howarth (Cleveland MBC), at 52sec; 3, R Colledge (Durham CS), at 59sec. Louth Spire RC (Louth, Lincolnshire, 8 miles): 1, M Daley (Timex) 56:39; 2, N Taylor (Hykeham ATB), at 1:44; 3, C Buckle (Equinox RT), at 1:58.

Ashfield RC (Ravenshead, Mansfield, 10 miles): 1, J Taylor (Beeston RC), 51:48; 2, N Craig (Diamond Back), at 5sec; 3, D Cook (Team Orange), at 21sec

Prescot Eagle RC (Otterspool Park, Liverpool, 13 miles): 1, P Middleton (North West Off-Road Club), 59:26; 2, P Whatmough (ABC Centreville), at 54sec; 3, S. Cooke (Wigan Wheelers), at 3:05

FIGURE SKATING

BUDAPEST: World junior championships: Women: 1, I Slutskaia (Rus) 1.5pts; 2, E Ivanova (Rus) 5.0; 3, K Czako (Hun) 5.5.

GOLF

PORT EDWARD, South Africa: Men's tournament: Final scores (South Africa unless stated): 272: H Buhrmann 64, 67, 72, 69. 277: E Els 69, 66, 70, 72; T Dodds (Nam) 69, 68, 66, 74. 282: I Palmer 73, 67, 70, 72; W Schutte 70, 67, 73, 72. 283: H Baiocchi 70, 70, 69, 74. 284: M McNulty (Zim) 70, 66, 76, 72; A Pitts (US) 69, 71, 71, 73. 285: W Loots 72, 70, 71, 72; P Simmons 66, 74, 72, 73. 286: P Jones 70, 64, 73, 79; J Hawkes 68, 68, 71, 79. 287: B Vaughan (US) 69, 73, 72, 73; D Terreblanche 71, 64, 72, 80. 288: M Archer (GB) 68, 69, 68, 83. 289: J Mashego 71, 70, 75, 73; T Fanning (Can) 70, 72, 74, 73; D James 72, 69, 69, 79. 290: C Williams (GB) 72, 68, 75, 75; N Mearn 69, 70, 73, 78. Selected scores: 291: R Burns (Ire) 71, 68, 74, 78. 292: C Davison (GB) 69, 70, 74, 79. 293: M Mackenzie (GB) 72, 69, 73, 79. 295: D Crawford (GB) 73, 70, 73, 79. 297: M Ure (GB) 73, 67, 76, 81. Disqualified: P Alebaster (GB).

IBUSUKI, Japan: Men's tournament: Final scores: 271: R Gamez (US) 68, 66, 68, 69. 275: S Hock (US) 70, 69, 67, 69. 277: J-M Olazabal (Sp) 70, 70, 70, 67; E Mizoguchi (Japan) 73, 66, 67, 71. 278: B Watts (US) 69, 73, 71, 65; Shinji Ikeuchi (Japan) 70, 65, 74, 69. 279: Hsieh Chin-sheng (Taiw) 71, 68, 71, 69; W Smith (Aus) 67, 69, 68, 75; Mitsutaka Kusakabe (Japan) 73, 70, 69, 67; Yoshimi Niizeki (Japan) 70, 74, 67, 68; Satoshi Higashi (Japan) 69, 70, 70, 70. Selected scores: 280: R Gibson (Can) 69, 69, 73, 69. 281: J Haeggman (Swe) 70, 73, 72, 66. 282: K Clearwater (US) 74, 66, 70, 72. 283: M Reid (US) 71, 71, 75, 66; T Hamilton (US) 73, 69, 72, 69; T Lehman (US) 70, 72, 69, 72; M A Jimenez (Sp) 71, 70, 70, 72; C Rocca (It) 72, 72, 68, 71. 285: D Ishii (US) 70, 70, 73, 72

MIYAZAKI, Japan: Women's tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 208: Mayumi Hirase 68, 70, 70. 212: Aiko Hashimoto 71, 71, 70. 215: Kumiko Hiyoshi 77, 69, 69; M McGuire (NZ) 70, 70, 75. 216: Ikuyo Shiotani 70, 76, 70; Chikako Matsuzawa 70, 73, 73. 217: Michiko Hattori 71, 72, 74; Ayako Okamoto 68, 74, 75. Selected scores: 220: Ko Woo-soon (S Kor) 73, 72, 75. 222: Huang Bie-shyun (Taiw) 72, 78, 72. 224: Ku Ok-hee (S Kor) 77, 72, 75; Wu Ming-yeh (Taiw) 74, 73, 77. 225: Lee Young-mee (S Kor) 74, 78, 73. 227: R Bell (Aus) 78, 77, 72; Huang Yueh-chyn (Taiw) 73, 75, 79. 228: Won Jae-sook (S Kor) 80, 74, 74. 230: Tseng Hsiu-feng (Taiw) 77, 76, 77. 232: Shin Sora (S Kor) 76, 80, 76. 238: Kim Ai-sook (S Kor) 81, 78, 77.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Sheffield 7 Humberside 3; Basingstoke 2 Nottingham 4; Bracknell 3 Fife 13; Durham 5 Cardiff 2; Edinburgh 6 Sheffield 3; Peterborough 13 Whitley Bay 6. First division: Dumfries 9 Chelmsford 7; Lee Valley 6 Trafford 12; Paisley 9 Solihull 7; Slough 9 Medway 3; Swindon 26 Romford 4; Telford 10 Teesside 2

JUDO

CHIBA, Japan: International tournament: 60kg: 1, Ryuji Sonoda (Japan); 2, Kenichi Harada (Japan); 3, F Chambily (Fr) and Yasuo Otoguro (Japan). 65kg: 1, Yukimasa Nakamura (Japan); 2, Ryuta Yumiya (Japan); 3 Tomoo Torii (Japan) and Chung Se-hoon (S Kor). Open weight: 1, Yoshinaru Makishi (Japan); 2, Katsuyuki Masuchi (Japan); 3 I Pertelson (Estonia) and H Van Barneveld (Bel)

LACROSSE

MEN: Shepherd Friendly Society: National Premier Trophy: Cheadle 7 Timperley 8; Heaton Mersey 11 Sheffield Steelers 8; Stockport 9 Ashton Under-Lyme 3; Poynton 5 Mellor 12, Boardman and Eccles 12 Sale 10.

WOMEN: Len Smith South of England League: West London 10 Putney 1; Pendley 8 Motspur Park 2; Centaurs 13 Beckenham 2.

LUGE

IGLS, Austria: World Cup: Men: 1, M Prock (Austria) 1min 39.908sec; 2, J Mueller (Ger) 1.40.292; 3, G Gleirscher (Austria) 1.40.379; 4, G Hackl (Ger) 1.40.394; 5, A Zoeggeler (It) 1:40.532. Women: 1, J Bode (Ger) 1:21.843; 2, S Otto (Ger) 1:21.857; 3, N Yakuschenko (Ukr) 1:21.860; 4, A Neuner (Austria) 1:21.925; 5, G Weissensteiner (It) 1:22.152.

MOTOR RACING

SUZUKA, Japan: All-Japan F-3000 championship (Final race of ten): 1, Naoki Hattori (Japan, Reynard 94D) 35 laps, 1hr 2min 14.692sec; 2, Takuya Kurosawa (Japan, Lola T94/50) 35 laps, 1:02:20.760; 3, M Martini (It, Lola T94/50) 35 laps, 1:02:22.849; 4, T Kristensen (Den, Reynard 94D) 35 laps, 1:02:26.217; 5, T Danielsson (Swe, Lola T94/50) 35 laps, 1.02:29.638; 6, Kazuyoshi Hoshino (Japan, Lola T92/50) 35 laps, 1:02:36.789; 7, R Cheever (US, Reynard 94D) 35 laps, 1:02:46.648; 8, Masahiko Kageyama (Japan, Reynard 94D) 35 laps, 1.02:47.056. Overall standings: 1, M Apicella (It) 48pts; 2, A Gilbert Scott (GB) 45; 3, R Cheever (US) 33; 4, Takuya Kurosawa (Japan) 32; 5, Naoki Hattori (Japan) 27.

NORDIC SKIING

KIRUNA, Sweden: Cross-country world cup: Men: 10km classic: 1, B Daehlie (Nor) 27min 30.1sec; 2, V Smirnov (Kazak) 27:59.6; 3, K Skjeldal (Nor) 28:06.1. Women: 5km classic: 1, E Vaelbe (Russ) 15.08.1; 2, N Gavriluk (Russ) 15:23.5; 3, T Dybendahl (Nor) 15:27.9

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British Land British Open championship: Final: J Snow (GB) bt L Deuchar (Australia) 6-3, 6-5, 1-6, 6-4

SHINTY

GLENMORANGIE CAMANACHD CUP: Second round: Caberfeidh 8 Kilmallie 1; Glasgow University 3 Taynuilt 1.
STRATHDEARN CUP: First round replay: Lochaber 1 Boleskine 3.
GLENMORANGIE SUTHERLAND CUP: Preliminary round: Ballachulish 0 Oban Celtic 4.
COLINTRAIVE CUP: First round: Inveraray 0 Lochside Rovers 1
MARINE HARVEST LEAGUES: North: First division: Beauly 0 Lovat 2; Newtonmore 6 Lochaber 0. Second division: Glengarry 2 Strathglass 4. Third division: Aberdeen University 3 Fort William 4; Glenurquhart 1 Skye 3. South: First division: Glasgow Mid Argyll 9 Ballachulish 2; Oban Camanachd 1 Kyles Athletic 1; Strachur 1 Oban Celtic 1. Second division: Kintyre 6 St Andrews University 1. Third division: Kyles Athletic 4 Glasgow Mid Argyll 1.

SHOOTING

SOUTHAMPTON: Southern Universities smallbore rifle championship: Teams of six: 1, London 1,166pts; 2, Oxford 1,144; 3, Southampton 1,139; 4, Bath 1,136. Individual: 1, G Barnett (London) 198; 2, L Wilson Bath 196; 3, P Patel (London) 196.

SNOOKER

JOHANNESBURG: IBSF world amateur championship: Final: M Yusuf (Pak) bt J Johannesson (Ice) 11-9

SPEEDSKATING

BERLIN: World cup: Men: 1,500m: 1, N Marshall (Can) 1min 55.15sec; 2, A Soendral (Nor) 1:55.22; 3, M Hersman (Holl) 1:55.24. 5,000m: 1, R Ritsma (Holl) 6:49.98; 2, K Sharahata (Japan) 6:55.70; 3, V Zayutin (Russ) 6:55.71. Women: 1,500m: 1, G Niemann (Ger) 2:03.27; 2, M Uehara (Japan) 2:08.64; 3, E Hunyady (Austria) 2:06.78. 3,000m: 1, G Niemann (Ger) 4:18.87; 2, C Zijlstra (Holl) 4:23.43; 3, E Hunyady (Austria) 4:24.93. Non-World Cup event: 500m: Men: 1, R Brunner (Austria) 38.14sec; 2, R Risma (Hol) 38.36; 3, C Novak (Rom) 38.40. Women: 1, G Niemann (Ger) 40.60; 2, M d'Andrea (US) 41.33; 3, A Baier (Ger) 41.55.

SQUASH

CUMBERLAND: British satellite circuit: Quarter-finals: M Bower bt M Cowie 9-1, 9-2, 9-3; P Genever bt M Gumbral 9-0, 9-0, ret; J Rennie bt M Berrett 9-2, 9-2, 9-4; A Toes bt M Crawcour 9-3, 9-3, 9-1

TABLE TENNIS

NORRKOEPING: Challenge tournament: Semi-finals: Ding Song (China) bt Kim Taek-Soo (S Korea) 21-18, 21-14, 21-16; Z Primorac (Croat) bt J-M Saive (Bel) 21-17, 18-21, 21-17, 21-14. Final: Ding bt Primorac 21-14, 23-21, 19-21, 21-7. Women: Semi-finals: Wang Nan (China) bt Lu Wei (China) 21-14, 21-12, 21-6; Yang Ying (China) bt J Schopp (Ger) 21-13, 21-19, 21-19. Final: Wang bt Yang 21-14, 21-15, 21-17.

TENNIS

JAKARTA: ATP tour world doubles championships: Semi-finals: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Hol) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; J Apell and J Bjorkman (Swe) bt D Adams (Aus) and A Olhovskiy (Rus) 6-3 6-2. Final: Apell and Bjorkman bt Woodbridge and Woodforde 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6

NEWCASTLE: Men's Inter-County championship: Berkshire 5 Yorkshire 4, Bucks 7 Devon 2

TRIATHLON

WELLINGTON: World championships: Men: 1, S Smith (GB) 1hr 51min 04sec; 2, B Bevan (Aus) 1:51:49; 3, R Eggert (Ger) 1:52.40; 4, M Bates (Can) 1:52:41. British: 47, T Stewart 1:58:44. Women: 1, E Carney (Aus) 2.03.19; 2, A Pedersen (Den) 2:05:31; 3, S Harrow (NZ) 2:06:52; 4, S Nielsen (Den) 2.07:17. British: 27, A Hollington 2:14:00.

WEIGHTLIFTING

ISTANBUL: World championships: Men: Over 108kg: Snatch: 1, A Kurlovich (Belo) 205kg; 2, A Tchemerkin (Russ) 200; 3, S Botev (Aus) 195. Clean and Jerk: 1, Kurlovich 253; 2, Tchemerkin 252.5; 3, Botev 240. Total: 1, Kurlovich 457.5; 2, Tchemerkin 452.5; 3, Botev 435. 108kg: Total: 1, T Tarmazov (Ukr) 435.0kg (world record); 2, N Vlad (Aus) 422.5; 3, A Akoev (Russ) 420.0. Women: 83kg: Total: 1, Li Dan (China) 242.5kg; 2, K Lundahl (Fin) 230.0; 3, C Hsiao-Lien (Taiw) 217.5.

RACING

NEWBURY

Going: good to soft

12.55 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Large Action (J Osborne, 2-5 fav); 2, Jazilah (3-1); 3, Glenstal Flagship (11-1). 4 ran. 1l, 13l. O Sherwood. Tote £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.98.

1.25 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Hebridean (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Spring Marathon (33-1); 3, Meditator (20-1). Halkopous 10-11 fav. 6 ran. 8l, 2½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £4.10. DF: £35.90. CSF: £57.92.

2.00 (3m 2f 110yd) 1, One Man (A Dobbin, 4-1); 2, Lord Relic (11-1); 3, Commercial Artist (14-1); 4, Cogent (33-1). Dubacilla 3-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Black Humour. 2l, 5l. G Richards. Tote: £6.20; £2.30, £2.40, £3.20. £11.90. DF: £47.30. Trio: £499.70. CSF: £48.91. Tricast: £545.35.

2.30 (2m 1f ch) 1, Coulton (J Osborne, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Current Express (9-2); 3, Around The Horn (11-4). Belstone Fox 9-4 jt-fav. 8 ran. 14l, 3l. O Sherwood. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £2.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £12.50.

3.00 (3m 4f ch) 1, The Frog Prince (J Osborne, 7-4 fav); 2, Brave Highlander (7-1); 3, Maamur (12-1). 10 ran. 9l, 2½l. N Gaselee. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.20, £2.70. DF: £10.80. Trio: £42.40. CSF: £16.37.

3.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Callisoe Bay (J Osborne, 5-6 fav); 2, On Air (8-1); 3, National Flag (50-1). 12 ran. 20l, 15l. O Sherwood. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £2.20, £6.30. DF: £7.20. Trio: £121.60. CSF: £8.96.

Jackpot: £892.10.

Placepot: £268.70. Quadpot: £28.90.

NEWCASTLE

12.40 1, Zamhareer (5-1); 2, Nine Pipes (100-1); 3, Uncle Doug (11-2). Twin Falls 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

1.10 1, Cumbrian Challenge (11-2); 2, Dual Image (10-1); 3, Little Bromley (16-1). Bend Sable 9-2 jt-fav. 9 ran.

1.40 1, Strong Deel (13-8); 2, Reluctant Suitor (6-4 fav); 3, Spanish Fair (7-2). 6 ran.

2.10 1, Batabanoo (6-4 fav); 2, Surrey Dancer (5-1); 3, Morcell (13-8). 4 ran.

2.40 1, Tanan Tradewinds (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Mr Boston (9-2); 3, Silver Stick (3-1 jt-fav). Durham Sunset 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran.

3.10 1, Down The Road (6-13 fav); 2, Blazing Dawn (9-1); 3, Dancing River (7-4). 3 ran.

3.40 1, Same Difference (11-4 fav); 2, D'Arblay Street (12-1); 3, Craigstown (12-1). 9 ran.

WARWICK

1.05 1, Kadastrof (2-1 jt-fav); 2, Moonsh (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Olympian (10-1). 13 ran

1.35 1, Dr Rocket (3-1); 2, Shrewd John (2-1 fav); 3, Young Pokey (15-2). 5 ran

2.05 1, Master Boston (8-1); 2, High Grade (12-1); 3, Crystal Bear (4-1). Vasiliev 2-1 fav. 7 ran

2.35 1, Willsford (11-1); 2, Indian Tonic (5-2); 3, Glenbrook D'Or (16-1). Midnight Caller 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Catch The Cross

3.05 1, Camitrov (9-2); 2, Konvekta King (5-2); 3, Night Wind (7-4 fav). 7 ran

3.35 1, Eskimo Nel (11-2); 2, Salisong (5-1); 3, Strike-A-Pose (14-1). Tiger Shoot 4-1 fav. 15 ran

LINGFIELD PARK

11.50 1, Rocky Waters (5-1); 2, Spender (100-30 fav); 3, Newington Butts (8-1). 10 ran

12.20 1, Star Fighter (6-1); 2, Saleme Lady (13-8 fav); 3, Peni-House Baby (8-1). 8 ran.

12.50 1, Shabanaz (6-4 fav); 2, Captain Marmalade (14-1); 3, Eau De France (15-2). 14 ran

1.20 1, Ela Man Howa (7-1); 2, Mirosswaki (10-1); 3, Dancing Diamond (14-1). Red Dancer 11-4 fav. 15 ran

1.55 1, Robo Magic (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Fairy Fay (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Crystal Loop (5-1). Bon Secret 9-2 jt-fav. 11 ran

2.25 1, Silent Expression (9-2); 2, Forgotten Dancer (20-1); 3, La Petite Fusee (7-2). Rocketeer 3-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Saxon King

2.55 1, Present Situation (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Mr Nevermind (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Shansi (20-1). 12 ran

3.25 1, Ertlon (4-1); 2, Dancing Lawyer (11-2); 3, Northern Bird (13-2). Soaking 11-4 fav. 12 ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, New Inn (11-4 fav); 2, Star Rage (9-2); 3, Meant To Be (14-1). 12 ran

7.30 1, Scored Again (9-1); 2, Nineacres (6-1); 3, Kalar (14-1). Hickory Blue 2-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Arc Lamp. Famdale Arc Lamp (5-1) and Famdale (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 25p in pound

8.00 1, Out On A Promise (4-5 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Bold Effort (40-1); 3, Posted Abroad (6-1). 12 ran.

8.30 1, Heathyards Lady (14-1); 2, Sharp Imp (6-1); 3, Angelic Dancer (6-1). Oklantsfontein 3-1 fav. 13 ran.

9.00 1, Casper's Risk (6-1); 2, One For Jeannie (9-4 fav); 3, Water Bebe (10-1). 12 ran. NR: Two Chalk

9.30 1, Sandmoor Denim (4-1); 2, Queens Stroller (4-1); 3, Guesstimation (10-1). Level Edge 7-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Battle Colours

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

LEAGUE CUP: First division: Pool B: Surbiton 3 East Grinstead 3; Teddington 2 Canterbury 0; East Grinstead 0 Teddington 0; Guildford 0 Surbiton 4. Pool D: Reading 1 Trojans 1; Havant 3 Reading 2; Slough 1 Firebrands 1; Trojans 1 Slough 2.
Semi-final draw: Surbiton v Hounslow; Havant v Stourport

SECOND DIVISION: Brooklands 2 Beeston 1; Cambridge City 0 Barford Tigers 2; Edgbaston 0 Doncaster 1; Hampstead and Westminster 1 Bromley 1; Oxford University 1 Harleston Magpies 0; Richmond 0 Gloucester City 3; Sheffield 2 Crosby 1; St Albans 3 Isca 2; Whitchurch 3 Neston 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Albans	7	5	1	1	19	10	16
Barford	7	5	1	1	15	6	16
Sheffield	7	4	2	1	16	9	14
Doncaster	7	4	2	1	14	7	14
Harleston	7	4	1	2	9	5	13
Brooklands	7	4	1	2	10	11	13
Bromley	7	3	2	2	12	4	11
Gloucester	7	3	2	2	17	15	11
Beeston	7	3	2	2	12	14	11
Isca	7	2	2	3	15	12	8
Oxford Univ	7	2	2	3	8	13	8
Hampstead	7	1	4	2	8	10	7
Edgbaston	7	1	4	2	4	6	7
Whitchurch	7	2	1	4	8	13	7
Crosby	7	1	2	4	9	15	5
Richmond	7	1	2	4	6	13	5
Cambridge	7	1	1	5	6	14	4
Neston	7	0	2	5	3	14	2

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Colchester 1 Bishops Stortford 1; Dereham 0 Chelmsford 2; Ipswich 1 Peterborough Town 2; Luton 1 Blueharts 2; Redbridge and Ilford 1 Cambridge University 2. Premier division B: Bury St Edmunds 3 Bedford 1; Romford 3 Norwich City 3; Stevenage 1 Old Southendian 0; Sudbury 4 Pelicans 2; Westcliff 2 Ipswich and E Suffolk 1

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: First division: Bath Buccaneers 2 West Glos 1; Hereford 0 Taunton Vale 1; Plymouth 2 Exeter University 3; Swansea 3 West Wilts 1; Weston-Super-Mare 0 Cheltenham 3

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Formby 1 Harrogate 1; Hightown-Northern 1 Southport 3; Norton 5 Timperley 0; Stockton 1 Blackburn 0; Warrington 1 Ben Rhydding 2

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 3 Leicester Westleigh 3; Khalsa 0 Harborne 1; N Notts 3 Belper 2; Nottingham 2 Lichfield 2; Olton and West Warwickshire 0 Hampton-in-Arden 0

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier league: Anchorians 2 Ashford 4; Chichester 3 Lewes 1; Fareham 2 Maidenhead 1; Gore Court 2 Winchester 1; O Kingstonians 2 City Of Portsmouth 1; O Whitgiftians 0 Wimbledon 4; Staines 2 Lyons 2; Woking 1 High Wycombe 1. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Basingstoke 3 Lensbury 2; Fleet 2 Bournemouth 4; Hamble OB 1 Cheam 1; Merton 2 Oxted 4; O Mid Whitgiftians 2 Camberley 1; Oxshott 4 Barnes 2; Petersfield 3 London University 4; Purley 5 Pirelli 1; Southampton Tauntonians 5 O Edwardians 3; Weybridge Hawks 0 Epsom 4. Kent/Sussex: Beckenham 4 Tulse Hill 1; Belvedere 2 O Bordenians 1; Bexleyheath 5 Greenwich 1; Blackheath 1 Mid Sussex 1; Bognor 2 Tunbridge Wells 3; Brighton 1 Sevenoaks 4; Crawley 0 O Holcombeians 2; Gravesend 0 O Williamsonians 2; Herne Bay 3 Horsham 0; Middleton 3 Marden Russets 2. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Hayes 3 Bracknell 0; HCC 2 City Of Oxford 1; Hendon 0 Eastcote 2; Marlow 2 Gerrards Cross 0; Mill Hill 0 Headington 4; Milton Keynes 2 Amersham 0; Newbury 1 Wokingham 2; OMT 1 Sunbury 4; PHC Chiswick 4 Aylesbury 0; Ramgarhia 2 Richings Park 2

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Second round: Anchorians 1 City Of Portsmouth 2 (aet); Bath Buccaneers 1 Hereford 0; Blandford 5 Plymouth 2; Bournemouth w/o United Services Portsmouth scr; City Of Oxford 5 REME 2; Clacton 0 Bishop's Stortford 3; Evesham 1 Nottingham 3 (aet); Fareham 1 Lowes 2; Fleet 1 Ramgarhia 5; Formby 5 Sheffield Bankers 1; Gore Court 3 Belvedere 3 (aet; Belvedere won 4-0 on pens); Harrogate 3 Disley 0; Ipswich 1 Old Southendian 1 (aet; Ipswich won 3-1 on pens); Knutsford 1 Ben Rhydding 3; Maidenhead 1 High Wycombe 1 (aet; High Wycombe 3-2 on pens); North Notts 3 Bridgnorth 4; Northampton Saints 1 Belper 1 (aet; Belper won 5-4 on pens); Norton 5 Southport 2; Olton and West Warwickshire 0 Colchester 3; Oxford Hawks 5 Oxshott 2; Peterborough Town 4 Chelmsford 1; Redbridge and Ilford 3 Bedford 1; Spencer 3 Winchester 2 (aet); Staines 2 Horne Bay 0; Timperley 9 RAF Strike Command 0; Wakefield 2 York 0; Warwick 2 O Halesonians 0; Weston-super-Mare w/o Cheltenham scr; Woking 1 Beckenham 3

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Balsam Leicester 1 Clifton 1; Chelmsford 1 First Personnel Sutton Coldfield 2; Hightown 3 Bracknell 1; Slough 2 Ipswich 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	7	6	1	0	16	2	19
Ipswich	7	5	1	1	13	5	16
Hightown	7	3	3	1	12	7	12
Sutton Cold	7	2	2	3	9	12	8
Leicester	7	1	4	2	5	7	7
Clifton	7	2	1	4	6	11	7
Chelmsford	7	1	1	5	6	16	4
Bracknell	7	0	3	4	4	12	3

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Swithenbank 1 Doncaster 4; Ealing 0 Canterbury 2; Exmouth 0 Trojans 1; Wimbledon 1 Bluehearts 1. Second division: Great Harwood 1 Olton 4; Pickwick 3 St Albans 2; Loughborough 5 Sherwood 1; Woking 3 Sunderland Bedans 2.

WEST LEAGUE: Prem division: Bournemouth 0 Cheltenham 2; Colwall 0 Leominster 0; Gloucester 1 Clifton 3; Yate 1 St Austell 3; Exeter 0 Redland 4; East Gloucs 2 Plymouth 1; Wimborne Wayfarers 2 Weston-super-Mare 1

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SCHOOLS SPORT

DES JENSON



There in no question that lacrosse is a minority sports in schools, but it is an integral part of life at West Heath School, Sevenoaks, Kent, as illustrated in a recent, hard-contested inter-house match

Rugby union
Sun Alliance Colts County Championship
Yorkshire 11 Surrey 21

Other matches
Brighton 15 Portsmouth GS 17
Canford 8 Bryanston 16
Caterham 42 Trinity 18
Cranbrook 13 Hurstpierpoint 10
Cranleigh 3 King's, Canterbury 8
Eastbourne 12 Christ's Hosp 3
Edinburgh Academy 38 Glenalmond 18
Enfield GS 16 Coopers Coburn 18
Haberdashers' Aske's 14 Berkhamsted 23
Haileybury 20 Bedford 5
Hereford Cathedral 11 Dreedon 21
Hymes 15 Stronghurst 33
John Fisher 31 Worth 12
KCS Wimbledon 0 St John's, Leatherhead 56
King Edward's, Birmingham 8 Nottingham HS 15
King's, Macclesfield 0 Kirkham GS 29
King's, Rochester 30 Maidstone GS 0
King's, Taunton 7 Monmouth 10
King's, Worcester 34 *King Edward's, Aston 18*
Kingswood 11 Queen Elizabeth's Hosp 16
Lancaster RGS 18 Bradford GS 13
London Oratory 19 Aylesbury GS 12
Marling 34 St Peter's 5
Pate's 20 Dean Close 40
Perse 7 Framlingham 35
Plymouth 0 Bristol 51
Pocklington *18 Leeds Grammar 12*
Prior Park 6 Colston's 27
Radley 21 Harrow 3
Rishworth 15 St David's 8
RGS High Wycombe 22 Solihull 16
RGS Worcester 24 O Swinford Hosp 14
Rugby 44 Warwick 10
St Bee's 19 Barnard Castle 17
St Benedict's 16 St George's, Weybridge 8
St George's, Harpenden 56 St Ignatius 10
St John's, Southsea 14 Lord Wandsworth's 10
St Lawrence, Ramsgate 17 Sir Roger Manwood's 3
St Paul's, Barnes 35 RGS Guildford 11
Sedbergh 18 Loretto 12
Shebbear 7 Kelly 37
Sherborne 3 Clifton 28
Shiplake 0 Pangbourne 32
Stockport GS 26 William Hulme 12
Stowe 3 Bedford Modern 13
Tonbridge 17 Wellington 6
Watford GS 20 Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 15
Wellington, Somerset 13 Exeter 8
West Buckland 13 Allhallows 10
Whitgift 16 Epsom 24
Wimbledon 60 Windsor 3
Woodbridge 0 King's, Ely 7
Wrekin 34 Rydal 11
Yarm 45 Reed's 12

FOOTBALL
Esfa Fuji Film Trophy
Fourth round
Medway 0 Redbridge 4
South East Lindsey 1 East Durham 3
Premier League Under-19 Trophy
Northumberland 0 Cleveland 1
Premier League Under-16 Trophy
Leicestershire 1, Derbyshire 0
Welsh Yeoman Shield
Wrexham 1, Wolverhampton 1.
Welsh Mitre Shield
Aberconway 2 Clwyd Coast 2
Other match
Lancing 2 Alleyn Dulwich 2

HOCKEY
British aerospace national women's schools championship
Territorial finals
Under-18 West final
1, Gordano, Bristol; 2, Millfield, 3, Dean, Cheltenham
Under-16 West final
1 Dauntsey, Devizes 11pts; 2, Kingswood, Bath 11; 3, Newent CS, Newent 9
Under-16 East final
1, Wisbeach GS 14pts (goal difference 6); 2m Framingham Earl School, Norwich 14 *(goal difference 7)* 3, Gott School, Cheshunt 9
Girls: Pocklington 2 Queen Margaret's, York 2

LACROSSE
Portsmouth HS 5 North Foreland Lodge 5
Queen Anne's, Caversham 9 Cheltenham Ladies College 4

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Bradford 34 Wakefield 0
Bradford: Tries: Paul 2, Christie, Dixon, Medley, Newlove. Goals: Fox 5. Att: 5,325.

Castleford 52 Hull 10
Castleford: Tries: T Smith 2, Steadman 2, Kemp, Sampson, C Smith, Wray. Goals: Crooks 10. Hull: Tries: Endacott, Hewitt. Goal: *Hewitt*. Att: 4,686.

Leeds 38 Doncaster 18
Leeds: Tries: Hanley 3, Schofield 2, Mercer. Goals: Cummins 7. Doncaster: Tries: Bloem 2, Malautia. Goals: Green 3. Att: 11,657.

Salford 39 St Helens 12
Salford: Tries: Blakeley, Critchley, Ford, Lee, Mahon, J Williams. Goals: Blakeley 7. Dropped goal: Blakeley. St Helens: Tries: Prescott, Veivers. Goals: Goulding 2. Att: 5,558.

Sheffield 34 Workington 29
Sheffield: Tries: Carr, Farrell, Glacey, Powell, Sodje, Stott. Goals: Mycoe 5. Workington: Tries: Burns, Ellis, Fawcett, Marwood, P McKenzie. Goals: Marwood 4. Dropped goal: Mulligan. Att: 3,500.

Warrington 18 Featherstone 14
Warrington: Tries: Forster, Harris, Penny, Roper. Goal: Harris. Featherstone: Tries: Banquet, Butt, Nixon. Goal: Banquet. Att: 4,891.

Wigan 46 *Oldham* 0
Wigan: Tries: Connolly 2, Atcheson, Betts, Edwards, Haughton, Paul, Radlinski, Tuigamala. Goals: Farrell 5. Att: 13,456.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	13	13	0	0	508	162	26
Leeds	13	10	1	2	364	233	21
Bradford	14	10	0	4	372	223	20
Warrington	13	9	1	3	352	183	19
St Helens	13	9	1	3	345	265	19
Halifax	12	9	0	3	375	171	18
Castleford	13	8	2	3	371	228	18
Salford	13	4	1	8	296	320	9
Oldham	13	4	1	8	228	365	9
Doncaster	13	4	1	8	192	341	9
Widnes	13	4	1	8	167	331	9
Sheffield	13	4	0	9	237	329	8
Featherstone	13	3	1	9	250	301	7
Wakefield	13	3	0	10	157	390	6
Hull	13	2	1	10	207	363	5
Workington	13	2	1	10	167	383	5

Regal Trophy
First round

Barrow	138	Nottingham	0
Batley	38	Queens	8
Bramley	40	Mysons	14
Carlisle	25	Dudley Hill	12
Highfield	12	Ovenden	6
Hull KR	48	Hensingham	8
Keighley	56	Chorley	0
Leigh	18	Leigh M W	12
London B	34	H Hempstead	16
Rochdale	34	Woolston	10
Ryedale Yk	26	West Hull	9
Swinton	32	Saddleworth	26
Whitehaven	66	Thatto Heath	0

Saturday
Huddersfield 142 Blackpool 4

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	12	10	1	1	404	143	21
Batley	13	10	0	3	289	164	20
Dewsbury	12	9	0	3	361	183	18
London B	13	9	0	4	311	189	18
Hull KR	12	8	0	4	417	142	16
Huddersfld	12	8	0	4	306	171	16
Whitehaven	12	8	0	4	274	236	16
Ryedale Yk	13	7	1	5	338	223	15
Leigh	12	6	0	6	285	238	12
Rochdale	13	6	0	7	315	277	12
Swinton	12	5	0	7	214	342	10
Hunslet	12	4	0	8	189	411	8
Bramley	12	3	0	9	221	257	6
Carlisle	12	3	0	9	211	387	6
Barrow	12	1	0	11	145	392	2
Highfield	12	0	0	12	78	604	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 6, Heworth 9. First division: Leigh East 6 Oldham St Annes 29; Millom 60 Dewsbury 8; Oulton 10 Beverley 28. *Second division:* Northampton 4 Greetland AR 50.

RUGBY UNION

International match
Wales 12 *South Africa* 20
Wales: Pens: N Jenkins 4. South Africa: Tries: Joubert, Straeuli, Williams. Con: Le Roux. Pen: Le Roux.

CIS Insurance divisional championship
London & SE 38 Northern 16
London and South East: Tries: Sheasby 3, Gregory, Roiser. Cons: Gregory 2. Pens: Gregory 3. Northern: Try: Baldwin. Con: Greenwood. Pens: Greenwood 2, Scully.
Midland 43 South West 23
Midland: Tries: Hackney, Hardwick, Potter, Skingsley, Tarbuck. Cons: J Harris 3. Pens: J Harris 4. South West: Tries: Eves 2. Cons: Dix 2. Pens: Dix 3.

Representative matches
Welsh Police 30 S African Police 25
Crawshays Welsh 24 Welsh Exiles 3

CIS County Championship
Midlands Group A
North Midlands 17 Staffordshire 25
North Midlands: Try: Harwood. Pens: Pennington 4. Staffordshire: Try: Blewitt. Con: Mills. Pens: Mills 6.

Southern Group pool one
Hertfordshire 18 Somerset 14
Hertfordshire: Tries: Clarke, Foley, Hughes. Pen: Wright. Somerset: Tries: Bamsey, Harris. Cons: Reeman 2.

Southern group pool two
Devon 16 Sussex 13
Devon: Try: Mayne. Con: Harvey. Pens: Harvey 3. Sussex: Try: Cooke. Con: Broughton. Pens: Broughton 2.
Gloucestershire 41 Buckinghamshire 13
Gloucestershire: Tries: John 3, Morgan 3, Mann. Cons: Smith 2, Hamlin. Buckinghamshire: Try: Littlejohns. Con: Hamilton. Pens: Hamilton 2.

Southern group pool three
Hampshire 20 Kent 24
Hampshire: Try: Roach. Pens: Livesey 4. *Dropped goal:* Livesey. *Kent:* Tries: M Griffiths 2. Con: Thresher. Pens: Thresher 4.
Oxfordshire 19 Eastern Counties 37
Oxfordshire: Try: Wylder. Con: Tapper. Pens: Tapper 4. Eastern Counties: Tries: O'Donague 2, Cutting, Hargreaves, Jury, Wadforth. Cons: Kingsmill 2. Pen: Kingsmill.

Southern group pool four
Cornwall 39 Dorset & Wilts 15
Cornwall: Tries: Weeks 2, Chatterton, Cook, Sanders. Con: Peters. Pens: Thomas 4. Dorset and Wiltshire: Pens: Hughes 4. Dropped goal: Hughes.
Middlesex 13 Berkshire 18
Middlesex: Tries: Henderson. Con: Braithwaite. Pens: Braithwaite 2. Berkshire: Tries: Cairns, Dangerfield. Con: Bellshaw. Pens: Bellshaw 2.

Northern group
Cheshire 17 Northumberland 19
Cheshire: Try: MacFarlane. Pens: Swindells 4. Northumberland: Tries: Frankland, Johnson. Pens: Johnson 3.
Cumbria 6 Durham 5
Cumbria: Pens: Southwell 2. Durham: Try: Ridley
Yorkshire 27 Lancashire 27
Yorkshire: Tries: Atkinson, Mallinder. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 4. Dropped goal: Cawthorne. Lancashire: Tries: Barclay 2, *Bibby. Cons:* Handley 3. Pens: Handley 2.

Inter-provincial championship
Connacht 20 Leinster 19
Irish Exiles 8 Munster 46

McEwan's League
First division
Currie 13 Boroughmuir 30
Currie: Try: Donaldson. Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson 2. Boroughmuir: Tries: Mardon 2, Reid, Tukalo. Cons: Easson 2. Pens: Easson 2.
Dundee HSFP 18 W of Scotland 8
Dundee HSFP: Tries: Cousin, penalty try. Con: J Newton. Pens: J Newton 2. West of Scotland: Try: Munro. Pen: Barrett.
Edinburgh Ac 14 Hawick 0
Edinburgh Academicals: Try: McVie. Pens: Hay-Smith, Shepherd. Dropped goal: *Hay-Smith.*
Jed-Forest 16 Heriot's FP 22
Jed-Forest: Tries: Kirkpatrick, Yule. Pen: C Richards. Dropped goal: Hogg. Heriot's FP: Tries: *Humphries, McRobbie,* Milne. Cons: Glasgow 2. Pens: Glasgow.
Melrose 37 Stewarts Mel 6
Melrose: Tries: Shiel 2, Bain, R Brown, G Parker. *Cons:* G Parker 3. Pens: G Parker 2. Stewarts Mel FP: Pens: Hodgson 2.
Stirling Co 26 Gala 20
Stirling County: Tries: Crawford, Ireland, *Logan. Con:* M McKenzie. Pens: Logan, M McKenzie. Dropped goal: M McKenzie. Gala: Tries: Amos 2, Dods. Con: Dods. Pens: Dods.
Watsonians 16 Glasgow HK 8
Watsonians: Try: Hodge. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 3. Glasgow High Kelvinside: Try: Hawkes. Pen: Hinn.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling Co	8	8	0	0	158	102	16
Watsonians	8	6	0	2	205	137	12
Melrose	8	5	0	3	187	122	10
Boroughmuir	8	5	0	3	211	148	10
Glasgow HK	8	5	0	3	134	94	10
Heriot's FP	8	5	0	3	128	101	10
Hawick	8	4	0	4	127	135	8
Dundee HSFP	8	3	1	4	123	136	7
Gala	8	3	1	4	110	184	7
Edinburgh Ac	8	2	2	4	99	103	6
W of Scotland	8	3	0	5	117	159	6
Jed-Forest	8	3	0	5	128	163	6
Stewarts Mel	8	1	0	7	112	176	2
Currie	8	1	0	7	103	172	2

Second division

Biggar	17	Glasgow Ac	9
Edinburgh W	18	Gordonians	12
Grangemouth	14	Kirkcaldy	27
Kelso	31	Peebles	11
Preston Lodge	17	Haddington	24
Selkirk	16	Musselburgh	16
Wigtownshire	10	Corstorphine	6

CLUB MATCHES: Askeans 15 Streatham and Croydon 13; Barking 44 Basildon 5; Basingstoke 20 Guildford and Godalming 28; Bath 65 Loughborough Students 7; Berry Hill 22 Barnstaple 8; Bradford and Bingley 32 Leeds 8; Cambridge University 13 Leicester 24; Fylde 23 Blackheath 8; Harrogate 14 Newcastle Gosforth 16; Metropolitan Police 3 Newbury 21; Morley 8 Liverpool St Helens 14; Moseley 28 Sale 16; Northampton 19 Bedford 21; Nottingham 30 West Hartlepool 10; Nuneaton 22 Rugby 20; Orrell 28 Waterloo 25; Oxford University 61 Durham University 17; Plymouth 37 Torquay Athletic 8; Preston Grasshoppers 21 Rotherham 33; Rosslyn Park 10 London Scottish 21; Saracens 12 Bristol 18; Sheffield 33 Broughton Park 6; Stoke 5 Hull Ionians 15; Stourbridge 66 Leamington 3; Stroud 5 Clifton 14; Sutton 19 Havant 19; Tabard 21 Cheshunt 24; Wakefield 34 Otley 27; Weston-super-Mare 45 Taunton 14; Wharfedale 25 Huddersfield 10; Winnington Park 21 Wigan 21. Yesterday: Wasps 38 London Irish 14; Coventry 13 Newport 10.

TOUR MATCHES: Combined Services U-21 8 New Zealand Youth 20; Treorchy 20 Canterbury (NZ) 44; Wales U-21 20 Romania U-21 8. Yesterday: Surrey 15 Australian Combined Services 20.

SCOTTISH UNDER-18 MATCHES: Edinburgh 8 North/Midlands 10; Glasgow 13 South of Scotland 11

Pilkington Shield
FOURTH ROUND: South region: Crowborough 0 HAC 38; Old Bevonians 25 Witham 3; Ongar 18 Darenth 55; St Albans 11 London Nigerian 3; Stowmarket 18 Cranbrook 10; Tonbridge 0 Ilford Wanderers 3; Tring 19 Hadleigh 14; Ventnor 24 Old Gravesendian 22; Whitstable 21 Woking 13; Wisbech 11 Old Tiffinians 3.

South West region: Beaconsfield 37 Thatcham 7; Bristol Saracens 36 Pennanians 20; Buckingham 21 Salcombe 3; Cainscross 24 St Agnes 10; Crewkerne 50 Broad Plain 0; Kingsbridge 21 Bishopston 0; Old Plymouthians 8 Tredworth 12.

Midlands region: Birmingham City Officials 41 Buxton 11; Bromyard 15 Warley 13; Erdington 8 Wellingborough Old Grammarians 3; Melton Mowbray 6 Queens 11; Oakham 30 Kempston 13; Rushden and Higham 13 Bishops Castle 0; Wednesbury 0 Burntwood 10.

North region: Blackpool 6 Newton-le-Willows 5; Medicals 5 Marple 7; Moortown 8 North Shields 9; Mossley Hill 5 Ponteland 8; Northampton Casuals 5 Huddersfield YMCA 14; Wallasey 22 Crewe and Nantwich 18; Wibsey 20 Parkonians 10; Wolston Vulcans 23 Knottingley 5.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Auto Windscreens Shield
Northern section
Second round
Doncaster v Bury

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet v Reading (7.45). Carlsberg Cup, Second round: Carshalton Athletic v Tooting and Mitcham; Croydon v Oxford City
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Chorley; Colwyn Bay v Hyde; Gainsborough v Frickley
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Second round: Ossett Albion v Worsbrough Bridge
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton v Tranmere (7.0). Second division: Mansfield v Huddersfield (7.0); *Newcastle v Leicester (at Gateshead, 7.0)*
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Norwich (at Yate Town FC); Chelsea v Portsmouth Res (at Kingstonian FC, 7.0); Millwall v Tottenham (2.0)
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Manchester United v Wrexham; Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town; Ipswich Town v Croydon Athletic; Bournemouth v Bristol City; Oxford United v Loughton Town; Queens Park Rangers v Plymouth Argyle (at Harrow Borough FC); Southampton v Coventry City; Fulham v Boreham Wood
SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodle and Dunthorne Cup: Third round: Wolverhampton GS v Bradfield (2.0)

RUGBY UNION

Club match
Bonymaen v Swansea XV (7.0)

CRICKET

FIRST TEST MATCH (fourth day of five): Australia v England (Sky, Midnight Brisbane)

OTHER SPORT

FIGURE SKATING: British championships (Humberside)
HOCKEY: World Cup: England v Pakistan (Sydney)
RACING: Lingfield Park (AW, first race 1.10); Kelso (12.20); Worcester (12.30)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Port Vale v Sunderland (7.45)
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Second round: Northern section: Carlisle v Chesterfield; Chester v Crewe; Rochdale v Darlington; Rotherham v Wigan; Stockport v Scarborough; Wrexham v Bradford. Southern section: Birmingham v Gillingham (7.45); Exeter v Cardiff (7.45); Hereford v Peterborough; Leyton Orient v Fulham (7.45); Northampton v Swansea; Shrewsbury v Wycombe Wanderers
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v Stevenage (7.45); Southport v Stafford (7.45); Stalybridge v Telford (7.45)
BOB LORD TROPHY: Second Round replay: Farnborough v Woking (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Combined Irish Provinces v South Africa XV (Ravenhill, 7.30); Midlands Under-21 v New Zealand Youth (Northampton, 7.30).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy v Australian Combined Services (Rectory, 7.0)
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Pontypridd v Newbridge (7.0)
CLUB MATCH: Exeter v Exeter University (7.0)

CRICKET

FIRST TEST MATCH (final day of five): Australia v England (Sky, Midnight Brisbane)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: CIS Insurance Scottish Masters (Coatbridge)
FIGURE SKATING: British championships (Humberside)
RACING: Fontwell Park (1.10); Leicester (12.50); Newcastle (1.0).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45); Blackburn v Liverpool (7.45); Crystal Palace v Aston Villa (7.45); Manchester City v Newcastle (7.45); Norwich v Notts County (7.45); Nottingham Forest v Millwall; Swindon v Derby (7.45); West Ham v Bolton Wanderers (7.45)
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth v Stoke City (7.45)
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Second round: Northern section: Huddersfield v *Lincoln. Southern section: Bristol Rovers v* Cambridge United (8.0)
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hibernian v Celtic.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v RAF (7.30); Gloucester v Clifton (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Thames Valley (8.0)
BOWLS: CIS Insurance Scottish Masters (Coatbridge)
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FIGURE SKATING: British championships (Humberside).
HOCKEY: World Cup: England v Australia (Sydney)
RACING: Southwell (AW, 12.40); Catterick Bridge (12.50), Huntingdon (12.30).

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: London v Worthing (8.0).
FIGURE SKATING: British championships (Humberside)
RACING: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10); Uttoxeter (12.30); Windsor (12.50).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Second round: Birmingham City v Scunthorpe (Sky, 7.45)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: 7UP Trophy: Semi-final, first leg: *Doncaster v Sheffield (8.0)*
FIGURE SKATING: British championships (Humberside).
RACING: Exeter (1.20), Hereford (12.40), Sandown Park (12.55)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP (3.0): Coventry City v Liverpool; Ipswich v Manchester City; Leicester v Aston Villa; Manchester United v Norwich; *Nottingham Forest v Arsenal; Sheffield Wednesday v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Chelsea; Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle; Wimbledon v Blackburn Rovers
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: *Bristol City v Grimsby Town; Derby* County v Notts County; Luton Town v Sheffield United; Middlesbrough v Portsmouth; Southend v Swindon Town; Sunderland v Reading; Tranmere Rovers v Watford; West Bromwich Albion v Barnsley.
FA CUP: Second round: Altrincham v Wigan (Sky, 6.0); Scarborough v Port Vale; Crewe v Bury; Enfield v Torquay; Exeter v Colchester; Gillingham v Fulham; Halifax v Mansfield; Hitchin v Wycombe (2.0); Kingstonian v Aylesbury; Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers; Lincoln v Huddersfield; Peterborough v Cambridge United; Plymouth v Bournemouth; Preston North End v Walsall; Wrexham v Rotherham.
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Second round: Southern section: Brentford v Oxford United.
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Welling; Dagenham v Yeovil; Gateshead v Southport; Kettering v Dover; Kidderminster v Telford; Merthyr v Macclesfield; Northwich v Stalybridge; Stevenage v Bromsgrove.
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Kilmarnock; Celtic v Motherwell; Hearts v Falkirk; Partick v Hibernian. First division: Airdrie v Stranraer; Ayr v Raith; Dunfermline v Dundee; St Johnstone v Clydebank; St Mirren v Hamilton. Second division: Dumbarton v Brechin; East Fife v Berwick; Meadowbank v Clyde; Queen of South v Stirling; Stenhousemuir v Morton. Third division: Albion v Forfar; Alloa v Cowdenbeath; East Stirling v Caledonian Thistle; Montrose v Arbroath; Ross County v Queen's Park.

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TOUR MATCH: Barbarians v South Africa (BBC1, Lansdowne Road 2.30).
CIS DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: London v Midlands; North v South West.
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HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Abertillery v Swansea; Bridgend v Pontypool; Neath v Llanelli; Newbridge v Dunvant; Newport v Cardiff; Pontypridd v Treorchy.
SCOTTISH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Glasgow v Scottish North and Midlands; South of Scotland v Scottish Exiles.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Hemel (8.0); Leicester v Chester (7.30); Manchester v Thames Valley (7.30); Sunderland v London (7.30); Worthing v Birmingham (8.0).
FIGURE SKATING: British championships (Humberside).
ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Final: Cardiff v Nottingham (Sheffield, 7.0).
RACING: Chepstow (BBC, 1.05); Sandown Park (C4, 12.50); Towcester (12.45); Wetherby (12.40).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Queens Park Rangers v West Ham United (4.0).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Millwall v Wolverhampton Wanderers (ITV 2.55); Stoke v Oldham [illegible]
FA CUP: Second round: [illegible] ton (Sky, 1.0).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: [illegible] division: Dundee United v [illegible]

RUGBY LEAGUE

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OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser [illegible] mingham v Manchester [illegible] Leopards (6.0); Sheffield v [illegible]

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New sports body seeks an increase in quality

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A NEW national development programme for sport, to be launched in March, will attempt to increase the number of youngsters receiving quality coaching and identify potential international competitors.

Duncan Goodhew, a trustee of the Youth Sports Trust and the 1980 Olympic 100 metres breaststroke champion, said yesterday that it was "pure chance" that he was spotted. Schools will be the main target of the trust, which will build on the work of Champion Coaching, established nearly four years ago by the National Coaching Foundation (NCF).

The Trust is starting its plans with a budget of £150,000. Pacific Investments has given £75,000 and the Government has provided

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£75,000 through the Sportsmatch scheme. In addition, the Sports Council will provide £300,000 of resources through its ten regional offices.

There will be four areas of development, for children from the ages of four to 18. In the Top Play programme, four- to nine-year-olds will be taught basic sporting skills such as throwing and jumping; Top Sport will be an introduction to activities such as mini-football and mini-basketball, for seven to 11-year-olds; Champion Coaching will be concerned with 11- to 14-year-olds; and the Top Club programme will direct youngsters to suitable clubs in their sports.

As Katie Donovan, the NCF director of development, told the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at Market Bosworth: "We aim to nurture a child in the long term through a club." The national governing bodies have accepted in recent years that they must do more work in getting youngsters to join clubs while still at school: otherwise, there is a risk that they will be lost to the sport. The Trust will work mainly with schools, although youth clubs and leisure centres will also be involved.

The co-operation of physical education teachers and council authorities will be vital. With Champion Coaching, teachers were initially suspicious that their traditional roles would be diminished. However, as they saw that the specialist coaching would complement rather than curtail their work, they became supportive.

Sports development officers will be asked to co-ordinate with the advisory groups, which will be made up of teachers, physical education co-ordinators and managers of facilities. The Trust also hopes to increase the sporting emphasis in primary schools, for which the Sports Leaders Award Scheme has already proved a success.

Goodhew emphasised that the scheme is "for all kids, not just for high-performance kids. We want to get away from the wounding experience of sport that many people have had in the past — the throwing of kids in the deep end rather than helping them in the shallow end".

Despite this praiseworthy initiative, physical education teachers will still carry most of the burden for the development of talent. Steve Allott, formerly a headmaster and secretary of the English Schools Football Association, told the conference that whatever the extent of the resources, "the hub of the wheel is the teacher and, indeed, the attitude of the teacher".

Just another brick in the Wall

Lucy Berrington on a game between muddied Etonians that is one of sport's great mysteries

The Eton Wall Game, a contest so civilised that sometimes it seems neither side can win, was played on Saturday, producing a few bloody noses, modest crowds and so much mud that Persil and Bold should be vying for the laundry rights. It ended, of course, in a draw.

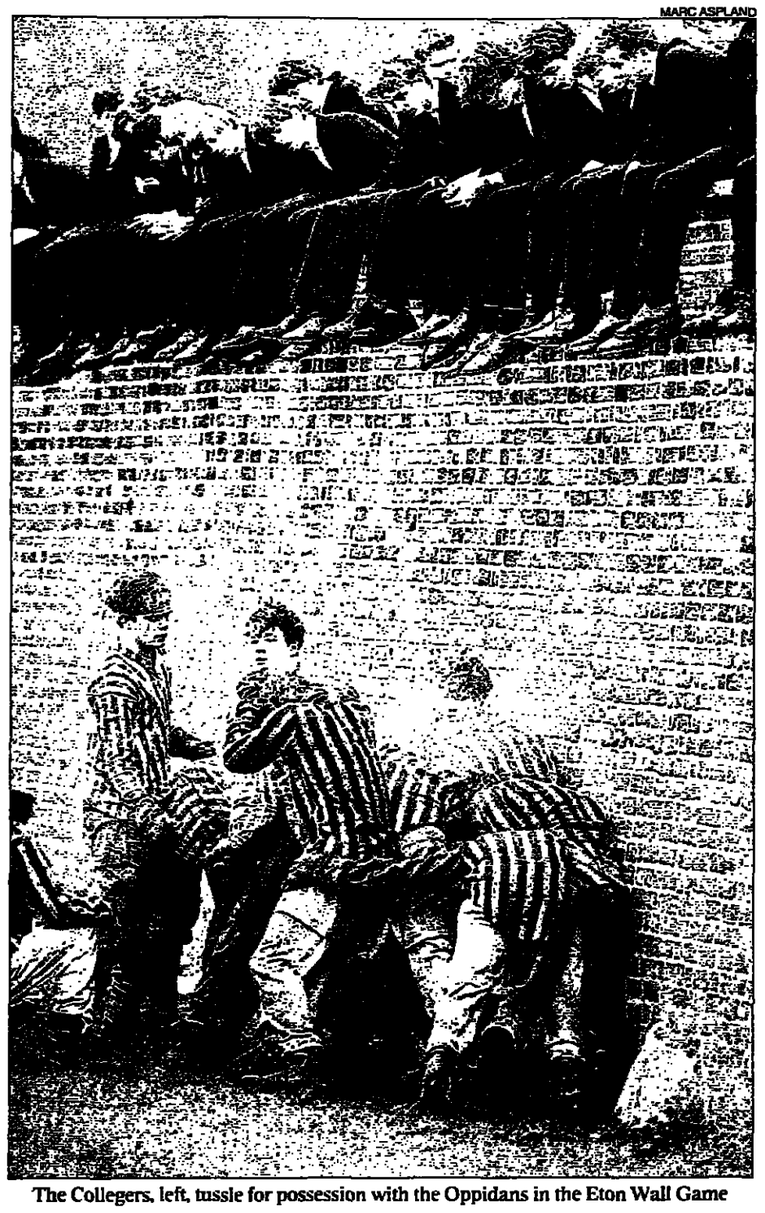
This was not for lack of effort, as 20 young Etonians tried to establish their place in history by scoring the first goal since 1909, when Harold Macmillan was a member of the College team. An easier challenge might be to become prime minister. Fifty adolescent boys in tailcoats and pinstripes sat along the top of the wall, shuffling *en masse* to keep level with the ball and cheering on their peers.

The game is played publicly once a year, on or near St Andrew's Day, by the Collegers (scholars) versus the Oppidans (the rest of the school). On Saturday, the Collegers had the moral victory. "It's fairly easy to spoil the opposition even if they're better than you; that's what the Oppidans were doing," Roddy Forman, mathematics master and Wall Game umpire, said.

The Wall Game was first played in 1841, the year of a general election that saw the defeat of Melbourne's Whigs over the Budget and the return of the Tories under Sir Robert Peel; the birth of the future Edward VII; resumed agitation by the Chartists; and the continuation of the Opium War against China. All these are recorded, yet nobody knows which side won the Wall Game.

On record are 154 public matches; College wins 44, Oppidans 41, draws 69, fatalities one (in the last century). The game is an almost continuous rugby scrum against the wall bordering the pitch, each team pushing towards the other's end for the opportunity to score shies (like rugby tries) then, occasionally, a goal; the goalposts, a door and a tree, are virtually out of sight at either end of the pitch. The game on Saturday produced no shies or goals.

MARC ASPLAND



The Collegers, left, tussle for possession with the Oppidans in the Eton Wall Game

The Wall Game is not a spectator sport. The players spent most of the game locked in scrums, seeming still as sculpture. The young man next to me barely glanced up from his *Economist*.

Etonians insist the game has rules, but to outsiders it seems like the physical equivalent of Mornington Crescent, in which newcomers are asked to work out the rules for themselves. The in-joke is that there are none.

Jake Kingsbury, 17, Keeper of the Oppidan Wall (that's team captain), said: "They were a much more experienced team. We did well just to hold them up. The College Keeper controls the use of the Wall and hasn't given us much time to practise."

The captain of one team guards the pitch? "For some reason, we own the Wall and I'm in charge of it," Alexander Cooper, 16, Keeper of the College Wall, said, shrugging amiably like a young aristocrat who has just inherited a multi-national corporation. The Oppidans, he said, had rarely requested access.

The night that words failed The Greatest

When the recording angel draws a thin line beneath my achievements during the 1960s, he will say "and then what?"

In the 1970s, I shall reply, I was briefly boxing correspondent for the *Financial Times* and, alone among my peers, I predicted the defeat of Muhammad Ali by Oscar Bonavena.

"Were you right?"

I was not, but I was close; lifelong Ali supporters admitted that they too had been anxious and the editor of the *FT* said I could go back and witness the contest against Frazier three months hence. In this, "The Greatest", for the first time since his epic bout against Mr Liston, started as underdog.

Madison Gardens ringside seats looked as if they had been filled by a berserk talent coordinator for a prime-time talk show: politicians, astronauts and hoodlums crushed against movie moguls and media tycoons. Sinatra's bodyguards had a brief hoe-down with Burt Lancaster's minders. Ella Fitzgerald waved to Truman Capote, who giggled.

In the tiered seats sat friends of friends of insomniacs who had queued at three o'clock one cold February morning to buy tickets by way of investment. Regular followers looked around the arena, recognised only by the boys who sell popcorn, and settled down to resist the advances of wildcat purveyors of hot dogs and *memorabilia — like the* $2 50-page programme that would sell for 25 times that sum to people waiting outside and fetch $250 a week later.

The rumblings of the advance of the protagonists reached us some minutes before they hove into sight: the first of these was dressed predominantly in scarlet; a bobbing, weaving, shouting, dancing Ali preceded by managers, trainers, prophets and strong-armed men, followed by relatives, security officers and several people who had been coming back from the gents and got caught up in the crocodile.

Frazier was dressed in an emerald green dressing-gown embroidered with his name and that of his five children in ever-diminishing type to make it look like an optician's wallchart. Both men danced around their corners exuding adrenalin ... until Ali executed a fandango that took him Frazier-wards for a quick push *and short sharp goading word* before dancing away, gloating hugely. It was the action of an archetypal bully and though Ali outweighed his opponent by only 10lb, and stood but three inches taller, he looked *twice his opponent's size.*

At the bell, Frazier moved forwards, Ali back. Frazier threw punches, Ali held out his long left arm and narrowed his eyes. Frazier swung and connected. Ali danced and goaded and countered.

In the Bonavena fight, this had been enough to make the Argentinian stop and think and pay the penalty. Frazier never stopped and when he got Ali on the ropes he leaned

CLEMENT FREUD



Afterthoughts

on him, stood off and slugged him some more.

By the eleventh round, only a knockout by the Louisiana Lip could have realised his prediction that "boxing experts will be shocked to see how easy I beat Frazier".

Ali won round 14 but he no longer floated like a butterfly, stung no harder than a midge, shuffled in the manner of a proud, bewildered ox soaking up punches with the crowd now shouting "good old Smokey Joe".

In his corner, they wept as their man slumped to his seat, no longer the prettiest, nor the greatest, nor even champion again, and at length one of his management team came to us in the ringside press seats and explained that "Mr Ali regrets he is unable to talk tonight; in fact, he may have broken his jaw."

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Budding Eurocrats of the lower sixth

David Tytler on a multinational approach to the Young Enterprise school scheme

The school groundsman was puzzled by the request. Two inches of sand were to be spread evenly on the tennis courts. Later that day, two visitors arrived at the sand-covered courts, each carrying a long wooden stick which they used to draw shapes in the sand.

One was Winston Churchill, and although the other has never been identified, local rumour has it that he was General Eisenhower, and that the two men were planning the Normandy landings that were to be launched from the ports of East Anglia. The tennis courts were in the grounds of St Felix School, Southwold, Suffolk, which had been commandeered by the War Office as the headquarters of "L Force", the group in charge of the East Anglian operation.

Sue Campion, the present head, is happy to believe it was Eisenhower and is proud of the school's wartime connection, pointing to the black stencilled number on her door — "pure MoD", she says. This year from Room E11, Mrs Campion has led her own invasion of Europe, backed by a £4,200 grant from the Eureopean Union. (She had hoped to be paid in Ecus, if only to have some fun at the bank, but the money came in sterling.")

The EU grant was to set up an international company based at St Felix, but with two European subsidiaries in schools in Denmark and Germany, as an extension of the school's Young Enterprise scheme. "Just as the usual Young Enterprise scheme allows pupils to set up a company, and produce and market their product, learning how to work as a team, meet deadlines and produce accounts, so our multinational will teach the same skills, but in a European context and with an added dimension of co-operation," Mrs Campion says.

St Felix, a girls' boarding school founded in 1897 which now has 325 pupils and fees of up to £10,000 a year, has joined forces with two co-educational schools, the Friederich-List-Schule, Herford, Germany, and the Fredericia Middelfart Handelskole, Fredericia, Denmark. The successful bid to Brussels was put together by Jane Leighton, a maths and business studies teacher.

The European money has been used largely to pay the travel costs of the 12 members of the international board, four from each school, who meet three times a year in each other's schools. The first meeting was over a weekend in September in Suffolk, when the board met for the first time to set up the company and decide its aims. The first day was used as a team-building exercise run by the Suffolk Wild Life Trust, in which the students had to make traditional tools from wood cut from trees in a local wood.

Miss Leighton says: "As they had never met before, we had to make sure that the team gelled so we gave them a non-academic task to find some common ground. And it worked: by the end of the day they were not sitting apart but were all sitting together sharing their ideas."

At a formal board meeting the following day the students set up the "International Ginger Group", appointing a managing director, secretary, personnel director, financial director, marketing director and sales director. The board agreed that the British school should make and sell Christmas cards, the Danes Christmas decorations, while Germany should concentrate on T-shirts and sweatshirts with different logos for each national market.

The agreed objectives were to broaden links with Europe, see how other nations structure their businesses, experience co-operation with other countries and Brussels, and learn how a business is run. The aims were to sell in shops at home and abroad and to break even. The next meetings will be in Germany next month and in Denmark in March.

The St Felix company raised £230 through the sale of 25p shares and £370 by selling advertising on a flyer to be distributed with the cards. They hope to double the value of the shares when the company is wound up at the end of the year, before a new group is set up by next year's lower sixth form.

The cards were designed by pupils in a competition within the school and printed professionally at a cost of £600 for 5,000. They are all left blank to avoid any language difficulties, although the international business is conducted in English with most communications by fax.

Sales so far are promising, with 1,000 sold in two weeks at £2.25 for ten and £4.25 for 20. The business plan was based on the majority of sales being in Britain, but some will be taken to Germany where they will be sold in a street market. Preliminary work is already beginning on the project for next term when the British company will make decorative boxes.

The 11 company directors from St Felix, four of them on the international board, take the task very seriously and see themselves as a real company working on their own. Miss Leighton says: "There is a teacher from each school attached to the group but we are just there as advisers, for example on health and safety, and just to make sure things get done; after all, we are dealing with shareholders' money."

Juliet Lamb, the marketing director, says that being in business with your friends is not always easy: "Relationships change. Things have got to be done and they have to be right, so if somebody is doing something wrong then you have to tell them, even if they are your friends. You have to be fair and treat everybody the same, but it's all forgotten when you get back to the house. You leave any problems in the office."

The scheme is the first of its kind and has already generated considerable interest both in Britain and in Germany. "The path is being made as we walk it," says Mrs Campion. "From the Brussels point of view the attraction of funding something like this is that it is trail-blazing, and they expect other schools to follow.

"What we are asking these girls to do reflects very much what they will have to do when they leave school, which is to learn to work with other nationalities. From the very beginning, because they formed the scheme themselves, because they fleshed it out and structured it, they have had to reach agreement. If they hadn't had agreement among the 12 of them that Sunday, nothing could have been done."

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Nine of the St Felix girls involved in the project with their teacher Jane Leighton (second from left)

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Why NY loves our HMIs

New York State is copying the old British school inspectors to improve standards. Lucy Hodges reports

It may seem eccentric, but Americans are copying the old British model of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools (now abolished by the Government) to raise standards in the state of New York.

For the past two years they have been employing HMI David Green, on secondment from London, to put in place a system of reviewing schools in New York, the third most populous state in the union, which stretches from the Big Apple to the Canadian border. And they are surprised that British politicians have done away with the kinder, gentler HMI in favour of a hard-nosed body designed to bring greater accountability.

"We have been kicking ass and taking names for a long time, but it hasn't got us very far," said New York State education commissioner Thomas Sobol, the American equivalent of a chief education officer and a self-confessed Anglophile. "You can regulate the worst excesses out, but you can't regulate excellence into the schools."

For him, HMI embodied a valuable tradition. He saw it in action when he visited Britain in 1990, as part of a four-year exchange programme set in motion by the former Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker. He liked the practice of classroom observation, the emphasis on teaching and learning, the concern to build on strengths. "It seems to me that much of England is seemingly abandoning a very rich, humane tradition," Mr Sobol says.

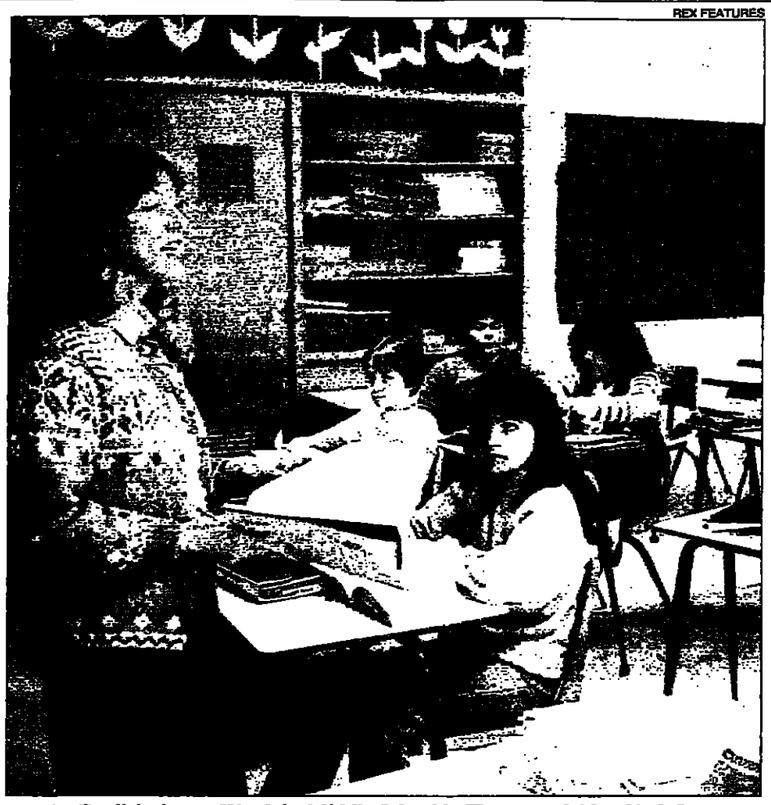
The New York state scheme, called the School Quality Review Initiative, is still in its infancy. Like the old English model, it concentrates on the essential enterprise of what goes on in the classroom, and on students' work. This may seem common sense, but US education has focused traditionally on numbers — standardised test scores, numbers of books and teachers — and whether the rules are being observed.

In other ways, however, the initiative departs from the British model. Reviews are conducted by teams of about 12 people. Team members are drawn from the ranks of 400 inspectors — reviewers in today's language — who are serving teachers or administrators on loan from other school districts. In addition each review team has at least one local parent or businessman or member of a community organisation, and may include social workers and guidance counsellors.

Reviewers interview pupils and teachers, sit in on lessons and attend meetings. Some shadow a pupil for a day. At the end of a week they give an oral report to the school staff which is followed later by a written report.

The use of practising teachers as reviewers keeps the cost of the exercise down, as well as limiting the need for a new bureaucracy, but crucially means the teaching profession is intimately engaged in raising standards. "We're saying we have to build up people's individual and organisational capacity to get improvement," says Mr Green.

"If you are merely providing flimsy reports to a format you will never get the dialogue about good practice that you need."



REX FEATURES

An English class at Westlake Middle School in Thornwood, New York State

Of the 4,000 publicly funded schools in New York State, fewer than 100 have been involved in a review to date. The aim is to plant the seeds for a culture of self-examination to grow in the schools on a five-year cycle. Under the current scheme, schools in New York state volunteer for a review. In the first year they undergo a review by an external team: in the succeeding four years they review themselves. Then the five-year cycle begins again.

Self-examination and the use of practising professionals fits in with American traditions. The US higher education institutions are accredited on the same lines, and the corporate world has been engaged in a burst of self-reflection to make itself more efficient and competitive.

"America is about everybody having another chance and it's about saying we need a system that will allow the overwhelming majority of our citizenry to achieve at new and high levels to which they have never before aspired," says Mr Green.

Schools have been pleasantly surprised by the positive tone of the reports, and very pleased with the teacher training money which flows from volunteering to be reviewed. "It has generated a high level of excitement and commitment," says Jackie Ancess, a senior research associate at Columbia Teachers' College in New York.

Highland elementary school in Tonawanda, for example, has developed its own self-review system in which it keeps tabs on progress towards its goals every year. Its school-based management team grew from three to 12 and it is now receiving feedback from parents and pupils.

Neither threats nor cajolery produce good practice, says Ms Ancess. Schools need to be helped to build their base of expertise and achievement. If they can be shown what they are doing right, they will be inspired to do more.

Mr Green is ready to spread the gospel to other parts of America. He has been approached by the state of Maryland and by Chicago, where he expects to introduce the notion of school reviews and also to tackle the crucial issue of teacher training.

He believes that change does not happen in a linear and scientific fashion. "The linear people think you can sit down, work out your mission, your goals, develop a strategic plan, implement it and then assess it," he explains. "But that doesn't work.

"You need to equip people, to make sure they have a clear idea of what they're trying to do. You need to look at your structures. You need to collaborate." This is a much more messy and dynamic business, far removed from the spurious precision of test scores and administrative manuals. It would be ironic indeed if the HMI model took root in the New World just as it was withering in the old.

Put some passion into science

The A-level science curriculums must be radically rethought to stimulate teenagers, says Hilary Fender

The changes this month make the national curriculum less prescriptive. Teachers will have more opportunities to broaden the scope of their lessons, to enthuse and inspire. It is a step forward, but for one of the core subjects — science — I fear it is still not enough.

The number of pupils taking A-level science was down again last year, and eminent authorities blame the lack of well-paid jobs. No one has looked hard enough, I believe, at the curriculums for the sciences, either for the under-16s or at A level.

I think the idea of poor job options is a bit of a red herring. Pupils decide their A-level options during their GCSE year when the absolute hard reality of a career still seems a distant prospect. They don't scan the appointments pages, but instead they listen to their peers and those a couple of years older, and they know which subjects they enjoy and those at which they are good. So armed, they make their choices, and I believe they ignore sciences because A-level sciences are simply not stimulating enough, either in appearance or in reality.

I have spent periods of the last year taking a long, hard look (with the eyes of a historian, not a scientist) at all the science subjects because, despite a modern, purpose-built block full of wizardary, enthusiastic staff and good results, we still don't get the uptake we would like. What I have found is courses that are content-heavy, with reams of hard facts and solid learning, a strong bias on practical skills, and a long, long tunnel before a glimmer of understanding is remotely attainable, even to the brightest.

That's what science is all about, I hear the old school say, and today's kids must put up with a bit of hard work. But the problem is more fundamental than a necessary stiffening of the upper lip. Most A-level students can and do work astonishingly hard. But, like adults, they need job satisfaction if they are to succeed happily and that, at the moment, seems more quickly available in the humanities.

Young people have a huge intellectual curiosity and a need to know and understand. They often have a



Hilary Fender: originality

substantial ego and want a sense of identity. And they have a desire to contribute something unique.

The arts and social sciences are full of "quick fixes". Almost from the start, a girl can contribute her views which can be seen to be perfectly valid. She can gain quickly a reasonable understanding of a topic and ultimately she is encouraged to put together her very own rational, coherent arguments. To stand in judgment on Peter the Great or to criticise the works of Milton is eminently satisfying to a 17-year-old.

The trouble with science is that, at this level, it has all been done before. Of course, it is fascinating to be able to isolate a strand of DNA in a school laboratory, but you are just discovering what others have discovered already. There is just no room for that all-important original thought.

While I am not suggesting that, with a different curriculum, the atom would first have been split in the classroom, the syllabus has to be rethought. One way at Godolphin is to use the works of "pop" scientists such as Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkin as an extra-curricular element to the normal A-level course, and as a basis for challenging discussion and philosophical argument. Videos and computers in a dedicated sixth-form science room allow pupils to wander from the syllabus to consider topical issues, especially such moral dilemmas as genetic engineering. This helps, but it is really not enough.

Sciences are important because education should be about learning to understand your world and gaining a far view, so that you may find something that will stimulate and inspire you for the rest of your life. A science degree is an excellent training for all sorts of professions, especially those that require a high degree of logic and accuracy, such as the law.

For those who want to go all the way to becoming a fully fledged scientist, a science-based career can offer the chance of challenge, discovery and long-term impact probably unrivalled by any other type of profession. It is time some real passion and promise trickled down to the classroom, and it can only come from the scientific establishment looking to its laurels.

● The author is headmistress of The Godolphin School, Salisbury

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This development is the outcome of pressure on three fronts. The research councils are seeking ways of improving the quality of graduate education, having recognised that the old-style "mentor and apprentice" approach to learning is no longer appropriate in the modern world.

Graduate students themselves are keen to improve their status within the university community, and staff, such as Professor Ian Halliday, who has first-hand experience of American graduate schools, believe that such schools are the best way of meeting the needs of postgraduates.

"While at Princeton, I benefited from being able to attend relevant courses in other science departments," Professor Halliday, now dean of the graduate school, explains. "Postgraduates have different requirements from undergraduates, and for too long they have had to play second fiddle. Their needs should be articulated and listened to, and our job is to meet those needs.

"For example, graduates want more journals rather than textbooks in the library. On the social side, they have very different housing requirements. Many have families, and so demand suitable accommodation."

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Professor Ian Halliday: "For too long postgraduates have had to play second fiddle."

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Law Report November 28 1994 Court of Appeal

Principles governing court's practice on application to expedite appeal

Unilever plc v Chefaro Proprietaries Ltd
Chiron Corporation and Others v Organon Teknika Ltd and Others: Same v Murex Diagnostics Ltd and Others
Henderson and Others v Merrett Syndicates Ltd and Others
Brown v KMR Services Ltd

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment November 23]

Since expedition of the hearing of one appeal inevitably postponed the hearing of others, the court would require a party seeking expedition to cross a high threshold before granting its application and might give procedural directions not currently given in the ordinary run of appeals in order to mitigate the disruption to appellants in other cases.

The Court of Appeal so stated when (i) setting out the principles governing the court's practice on applications for expedition and (ii) giving directions on the hearing of appeals in *Chiron Corporation v Organon Teknika Ltd; Same v Murex* and *Henderson v Merrett Syndicates Ltd* which would be expedited, in *Unilever plc v Chefaro Proprietaries Ltd* which would not and in *Brown v KMR Services Ltd* where a measure of expedition would be ordered.

Mr Christopher Floyd, QC, for Chefaro; Mr Henry Carr for Unilever.

Mr David Kitchin, QC, for Chiron and others; Mr Daniel Alexander for Organon, Murex and others.

Mr Anthony Boswood, QC, for Mr Henderson and others; Mr Roger Toulson, QC, for the members' agents, Mr Mark Howard for the auditors, Mr Aidan Christie for Mr Merren, Merrett Syndicates Ltd and Merrett Managing Agents.

Mr Peregrine Simon, QC, for KMR Services; Mr Stephen Hofmeyr for Mr Brown.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that since most appeals were scheduled to be heard on dates fixed well in advance, and since court sittings were so far as possible planned a long time ahead, the expediting of an appeal other than the shortest was likely to have one or other of two possible consequences, usually both.

One was that a fixture already made for the hearing of another appeal had to be cancelled.

The other was that the hearing of another appeal, which might have been awaiting hearing for about 18 months, had to be deferred. Both consequences were highly distasteful both to the court and to the parties in the displaced appeal or appeals.

That in turn had had two consequences:

1 That the court had in general been sparing in its grant of applications for expedition. Since it could not grant all the applications it wished, it had to impose a high threshold which a party had to cross before its application would be granted and

2 That where the threshold was crossed and an expedited hearing ordered, the court in fixing the hearing date would give weight not to the wishes of the parties to that appeal but to the interests of other parties adversely affected by the order.

The greater the expedition ordered, the less regard could usually be had to the parties' preferences concerning dates. Expedition would not ordinarily be granted unless the party seeking it was willing, if necessary, to change counsel.

In an appropriate case, the respondent also might have to change counsel; that possible adverse consequence would cause the court to lean against making an order save in a clear case.

In granting an application, the court might seek to mitigate the disruption caused to other parties by giving procedural directions not currently given in the ordinary run of cases with a view to ensuring that the appeal was heard in the minimum time necessary to achieve a just result.

Perhaps because the principles on which the court worked were not well understood, there appeared to be a tendency for parties to apply for expedition in the hope that the application might be granted, but in the belief that if it were not, they were no worse off.

That was understandable but it imposed a heavy burden on those whose task it was to read and rule on such applications, particularly where rulings once given were the subject of question and argument.

In making known the broad principles governing its practice the court emphasised that no statement could cover the novel, the unexpected and the exceptional; that no two cases were identical and that the practice was therefore to be understood and followed with a measure of flexibility and in recognition that no statement could be exhaustive.

It was, however, possible to give a reliable indication of the principles the court was likely to apply.

Some appeals were so urgent that justice could only be done if the appeal were heard either immediately or within days.

In that category came:

1 Appeals against committal orders, particularly if the adverse finding was challenged, or the sentence was short;

2 Cases in which children were likely to suffer extraordinary prejudice, that was, prejudice beyond that almost inevitably consequent on involvement in proceedings, if a decision were delayed;

3 Cases under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (Cmnd 8281);

4 Asylum appeals concerning return to third countries, where the right to return might be jeopardised by delay;

5 Cases in which the execution of a possession order was imminent and which appeared to have some merit;

6 Cases in which a decision was about to be taken or implemented which would be irrevocable or confer rights on third parties;

7 Cases in which publication of allegedly unlawful material was imminent;

8 Appeals against judicial decisions made in the course of continuing proceedings.

In all those cases, not least 5, the court would expect the parties involved to approach it as soon as they learned of the order it was sought to challenge. When the approach was left until the eleventh hour, or the necessary materials were not provided, it might well prove impracticable to arrange a hearing.

The court recognised the need to try to arrange expedited hearings where it appeared that without such expedition:

1 A party might lose its livelihood, business or home or suffer irreparable loss or extraordinary hardship;

2 The appeal would become futile;

3 The resolution of numerous cases, turning on the outcome of a case under appeal, would be unreasonably delayed, or the orderly management of class or multi-party litigation in a lower court would be disrupted;

4 Widespread divergencies of practice were likely to continue, with the prospect of multiple appeals until the correct practice were laid down;

5 There would be serious detriment to good public administration or to the interests of members of the public not concerned in the instant appeal.

Where those criteria were not satisfied the court would not ordinarily grant an expedited hearing of appeals on preliminary issues or substantial interlocutory appeals, even where that meant loss of a trial date, or appeals concerning the construction of a standard document.

The court then turned to its consideration of the cases.

Solicitors: Hopkins & Wood; Needham & Grant.

Bristows Cooke & Carpmael; Herbert Smith and Needham & Grant.

More Fisher Brown; Oswald Hickson Collier & Co; McKenna & Co; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

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Treaty payment not immune from suit

Philipp Brothers Ltd v Republic of Sierra Leone and Others

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment November 24]

The payment of money by the European Commission to the Republic of Sierra Leone under the Lomé Convention for specific development aid purposes did not give the commission any claim in English law that the money was subject to a trust. Accordingly the commission could not resist a garnishee order on the bank where the money was held in favour of a judgment creditor of the republic.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the European Commission as intervener against a garnishee order absolute made by Mr Justice Saville on June 5, 1992 in respect of all debts due or accruing by Barclays Bank plc to the Republic of Sierra Leone, including a "special sectoral import programme (SIP) account".

Mr Michael Brindle, QC and Mr David Lloyd Jones for the European Commission; Mr David Vaughan, QC, Mr Jonathan Gaisman and Mr David Bailey for the judgment creditor, Philipp Brothers Ltd; Mr Peter Duffy appeared for the Republic of Sierra Leone but was denied a hearing.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said the issue in the appeal was whether the commission had any right or interest in or in relation to the debt owed by the bank to the republic which enabled the garnishee order to be resisted.

The money in the SIP account had been paid under the Third Lomé Convention to facilitate the import by the private sector in Sierra Leone of agricultural supplies. A bank account to which a representative of the republic and an official of the commission were co-signatories of the account.

The Convention was an agreement between sovereign states, independent of municipal law. But unless English law could be relied on there was no principle such as that in *Barclays Bank v Quistclose Investments* ([1970] AC 567) upon which the commission could found an argument that the money was earmarked. In English law, Sierra Leone had unencumbered title to money received under an international agreement.

Mr Brindle had argued that the garnishee proceedings were legal measures of constraint contrary to article 1 of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities because the money was subject to the direction and control of the European Communities even if it did not belong to them. But in his Lordship's judgment no property or assets of the communities were constrained.

The commission could not invoke a trust in the higher sense referred to in *Kinloch v Secretary of State for India* ((1882) 7 App Cas 619, 625), which was not a trust and did not have the effect of a trust.

His Lordship would reject the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said the difficulty for the commission was that its relations with the republic were not governed by any system of municipal law but by an international treaty. Obligations arising from an international treaty were not justiciable in an English court.

The commission had invoked article 5 of the EC Treaty which provided that member states should abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of the treaty.

It was argued that because of article 5 the court, in exercising its discretion whether to make a garnishee order, should take account of the desirability of achieving the objects of the Lomé Convention.

In his Lordship's view that was dangerous doctrine. The discretion in making the garnishee order existed to enable the court to do justice between the parties.

What was being suggested was that a litigant in an English court should be refused a remedy to which he would otherwise be entitled on the ground that that would advance the international objectives of the European Community. His Lordship rejected that proposition. These were matters for government policy rather than *ad hoc* sacrifices exacted by the courts from private creditors.

Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Freshfields; Clyde & Co; Clifford Chance.

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JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

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DATED this 23rd day of November 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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Messrs Macfarlanes
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Solicitors for the above-named Company.

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(IN MEMBERS' LIQUIDATION)
Company number:916662
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF LIQUIDATIONCO NO3 LIMITED
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Date 18 November 1994.
Peter Sheldon Padmore
Liquidator.

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DATED:
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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18 November 1994
P S Padmore
Liquidator.

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8,891.40	Bank Americat	2588¾	-12¾		
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627.00	Kleinwort Ben	470	-30	5.1	8.3
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7,014.40	Nat Aust Bk	524	+14	6.8	
8,555.00	Nat West	500	-31½	4.9	9.3
105.00	Ottoman Bank	2100	-25	6.9	
24.00	Rea Bros	61			
3,388.20	Ryl Bk Scot	423	-34	1.9	17.1
1,410.00	Schroders	1410	-8	3.5	19.1
379.50	Schroders NV	1288	-5	1.6	12.9
157.30	Singer & Fried	81	-3	1.8	11.8
2,689.60	Stand Chart	279	-15	4.9	10.4
3,345.20	TSB	218½	-11	2.8	9.6
1,425.60	Warburg SG†	648	-38	4.6	11.0
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1,802.60	Fosters Brewing	56	+1	5.2	
76.90	Fullr Sm 'A'	377		2.6	15.6
851.50	Greenalls Grp	412	-21	3.8	15.8
228.80	Greene King	541	-7	3.0	15.1
61.00	Hardy Hansn	244	-8	4.6	12.5
3.48	Hendison	150		9.4	13.5
191.20	Holt J	3375	-60	1.8	18.6
138.10	Mansfield	217	+2	2.5	13.3
272.70	Marston Thmp	303	+2	2.5	15.7
185.40	Morland	488	-15	2.8	
7.29	Paramount	7¼	-¼	3.4	
43.80	Regent Inns	297	-2	2.3	22.8
4,260.50	SA Breweries†	1534¾		1.9	23.7
2,878.00	Scot & New	500	-14	4.3	14.8
333.80	Vaux Group	298	-3	5.0	15.4
157.20	Wetherspoon JD†	433	-2	1.9	23.8
2,834.70	Whitbread	542	-9	4.5	14.6
356.40	Wolvhmptn D	538	-3	3.0	15.0
73.70	Yates Bros	190	+2	2.0	28.3
14.00	Young 'A'	483		3.9	20.1

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135	...	4.9	9.8
52.70	Allen	163	...	4.0	19.9
161.80	Amec†	80	-10	4.7	46.2
15.00	Andrews Sykes	105	+10	..	..
130.30	Ashtead	433	-8	1.6	27.4
43.90	Avonside†	101	-7	5.4	11.9
3.55	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	2.6	20.8
8.41	Barcom	45	...	4.9	5.4
318.80	Barratt Devs	175	...	4.3	13.6
393.20	Beazer Homes	140	+4	4.8	11.8
202.40	Bellway	207	-1	4.3	
14.00	Bellwinch	31	...		27.3
296.80	Berkeley Gp	383	+7	2.3	15.9
27.10	Bett Bros	181	-1	3.2	5.5
56.90	Bool (Henry)	218	-12	3.8	10.7
10.90	Brandon Hire	77	-1	2.4	..
31.10	Br Bldg & Eng	165	-5	6.3	9.9
380.70	Bryant	137	-4	4.6	15.4
48.10	CALA	112	-3	3.1	15.4
5.20	Campbll & Arm	36	-2		
8.02	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.6
110.10	Costain	21¼	-1¼	..	
87.70	Countryside	115	-3	4.5	35.5
79.40	Crest Nicholson	89	-5	2.5	14.8
18.30	Cussins	108	...	4.1	12.4
18.70	Edmond Hldgs	#21	...	1.8	..
31.20	Eve Group	318	-7	4.3	13.0
21.30	Gallford†	24	...	5.2	..
1.59	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	3.8	..
83.30	Gleeson (MJ)†	825	-3	2.1	..
6.63	Graes (Ewt)†	88	...	8.7	26.5
45.80	Havelock Eurot	175	...	2.1	16.0
337.40	Hewden-Stuart	147	-2	2.5	16.9
60.20	Higgs & Hill†	91	-4	8.4	..
5.63	Howard Hldgs	22	...	4.5	20.5
4.07	Jarvis	11¼			
53.90	Keller	113	-2	4.2	13.1
107.60	Laing (J)†	235	-3	4.8	21.2
38.50	Laing 8.4% Cv Pf	86	-3	8.3	..
11.30	Len Clydeside	125	-2	4.8	17.3
26.80	Lovell (YJ)	87	-6	..	
54.20	Maunders (J)†	217	-2	3.2	..
126.50	McAlpine (A)†	183	-7	4.4	28.8
60.90	McCarthy & S	62	+4	1.9	..
176.30	Mowlem (J)	191	-2	2.5	..
249.70	Persimmon	214	-3	5.4	16.0
20.80	Pochins	2080	...	2.0	20.0
96.90	Prowting†	125	-3	3.6	18.0
92.20	Raine Ind†	49	...	7.7	10.2
225.40	Redrow	102	-5	3.3	10.1
9.71	Smfld-Rive	62	...	1.5	28.2
38.20	Sheriff Hldgs	383	-1	1.5	24.2
5.18	Shana	111	...	4.1	15.6
21.90	Smart (J)†	217	...	4.9	22.8
95.90	Spandex	243	+8	1.2	18.5
49.10	Tay Homes†	168	+1	4.8	12.3
506.40	Taylor Woodrw	121	-6	1.8	28.6
192.00	Tilbury Douglas	568	+2	7.3	43.5
5.75	Torex Hire	56	+1	2.0	29.2
15.20	Try Group	22	...	2.8	..
53.50	Vibroplant	176	-13	4.1	30.3
86.90	Wainhomes	130	+4	4.0	14.0
28.40	Ward Hldgs	54	-1	1.2	..
95.20	Westbury†	143	-4	4.7	13.0
27.90	Wiggins	6¼	...	..	
328.50	Wilson (C)	173	-4	3.0	14.4
311.00	Wilson Bowdn	333	-10	3.6	14.9
487.20	Wimpey G	135	+3	4.9	20.2

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.90	Albrighton	15	...	4.2	14.4
104.80	Alumasc	338	-2	2.2	..
21.80	Amberley Gp	51	-1	2.5	27.9
1,496.50	BPB Ind	299	-11	3.4	20.2
45.30	Baggeridge Brk	114	-6	9.4	21.5
188.40	Bardon†	34	-3	7.4	..
327.00	Beralford Ind	219	+2	..	
14.90	Blockleys†	69	-3	1.9	..
2,140.39	Blue Circle†	294	-17	4.8	20.9
24.20	Breedon PLC	85	-4	6.8	24.3
23.30	Br Dredging†	133	...	5.3	16.0
1,210.49	CRH	344	-8	2.8	17.5
2.09	Cakebread Rby	38			
125.00	Cape	231	-4	6.0	14.7
1,606.60	Caradon	269	-17	4.1	17.8
331.30	Caradon pf†	128½	-6¾	7.1	..
4.62	Chelfield Gp	54	...	8.1	10.8
1.62	Dyson (J&J)	98	-1	4.5	14.8
8.32	Dyson 'A'	89	-2	6.3	10.4
13.70	Eclipse Blinds	9¾	+1½	2.4	..
62.20	Epwin	268	-17	3.4	17.1
27.50	Erith	58	-2	3.0	32.7
197.18	Graham Gp	172	-3	3.3	15.4
104.10	Halstead (J)†	348	-11	2.7	16.1
788.90	Hepworth†	316	-6	5.8	18.0
7.81	Hewetson	84	+2	2.3	14.5
3.33	Hewitt (J)	98		2.2	..
259.99	Heywd Wlms	271	-30	6.2	15.3
190.30	Ibstock†	78	+1	1.6	..
28.30	Johnston†	267	-5	2.1	32.1
41.20	Lilleshall†	145	-6	4.1	15.2
404.20	Marley	141	-6	3.7	16.7
173.80	Marshalls	142	-2	4.0	12.5
442.30	Meyer Int	351	-8	3.9	13.5
228.10	Newman Tonks	172	+1	4.7	21.7
199.30	Norcros	114	-15	7.9	21.0
3.83	Phoenix Timber	11	..		
1,435.00	Pilkington	180	-6	2.8	76.8
219.50	Polypipe	140	+2	2.1	18.1
1,920.80	RMC Grp†	975	-25	2.7	20.2
4.05	Ramus	17	-2		
2,429.40	Redland†	489	-18	6.7	21.7
14.40	Rosiett	96	...	5.6	
775.30	Rugby Group	122	...	3.5	15.4
20.60	Russell (A)†	88	...	3.2	18.3
193.60	SIG	262	+2	2.7	21.0
4.13	SKP	16½	...	1.5	23.0
36.60	Sharpe & Fisher	177	...	3.1	13.0
194.90	Smrtig Rsn	43	-1½	1.5	..
1,149.80	Tarmac†	135	-3	5.5	..
17.50	Tops	160	...	3.4	13.6
397.80	Travis Perkins	290	...	3.6	17.9
2.62	Tudor	24	...	1.3	..
11.70	Unigroup	37	+1	...	
1.27	Waterhouse	51			
330.90	Wickes†	89	+1	1.8	20.0
52.60	Wiltshirt	63½	-¼	1.3	21.4
2,128.90	Wolseley†	774½	-7½	2.7	15.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13.40	Anglo Utd	2	-¼	...	...
17.10	App Hldg	78	-20	...	
328.30	Atwoods	116	-2	5.4	...
3.57	Bailey (CH)	8¼	...		
10.60	Black Arrow	43	...	9.2	10.2
3.00	Br Bloodstock	77	-2	...	69.1
3.43	Card Gp	8	...		16.7
2.65	Chemex	6¼	-¼		
17.43	Cozzit	153	+18	6.8	10.4
59.10	Fitzlan	223	-8	1.2	19.1
6.12	Headway	38	-1	2.3	28.6
53.00	Hozelock	244	-2	3.1	17.3
116.80	Leigh	177	-3	3.5	16.2
27.50	Mooc Gp	225	-3	3.3	14.5
149.10	Photo-Me†	244	...	2.5	25.5
18.30	Plant & Genl	57	+1	3.8	...
173.20	Platignum	173	...	2.5	20.4
1.15	Posh Group	6	-1½		
16.30	Rodime	11	-1		
165.00	Shanks & McEwan	90	-3	4.5	..
40.60	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	4.8	14.4
1,912.80	Waste Mgt Intl	510	-16	...	18.3

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
690.10	Allied Colloids	131	+7	2.2	21.0
30.90	Amber Ind	790	...	3.4	16.2
7,383.40	BASF DM	£128¼	-465½	7.4	
3,541.20	BOC†	689	-12½	4.4	26.4
395.00	BTP	285	-4	4.4	18.0
9,359.50	Bayer DM	£139¾	-196¾	6.5	..
70.00	Brent Chems	103½	-3	4.8	..
432.90	Br Vita	222	-5	4.2	16.5
2.49	Cambridge Iso	19			
52.62	Canning (W)†	185	...	4.9	31.3
1,741.00	Courtaulds	432	-17	4.4	34.5
461.70	Croda†	379	-7	3.1	15.0
14.10	Doeflex	131	-1	4.3	13.4
29.60	Euro Colour	64¾	...	2.7	18.5
12.50	Gehons	138	...	5.0	12.9
25.10	Hickson	145	-3	6.9	13.0
7,717.00	Hoechst	£130½	-281¼	5.7	..
22.06	Holliday Chem	219	-3	2.5	17.8
5,423.30	ICI	747	-41½	4.6	60.3
186.90	Inspec	139½	-4	3.9	13.2
1,339.80	Laporte	695	-23	3.8	17.6
30.42	LEP	82	-3	0.5	..
13.19	Macpherson	300	-4	4.2	14.6
70.23	McLeod Russel	116	±9	6.9	..
16.60	Mercer	89	-1	6.4	9.2
23,112.70	Montedison	464½	-19¾	4.3	21.4
45.10	Perstorp	295	..	1.9	22.2
472.10	Scapa	158	-2	3.8	16.8
12.92	Smith Spear	..	..	2.0	19.0
6,823.47	Takeda Chem	780½	-9	0.8	14.3
27.60	Wardle Storeys	352	+1	6.3	18.9
45.63	Wellington Hldg	193	...	3.3	18.6
58.10	Wolstenholme R	785	+2	3.0	16.4
166.70	Yorks Chem	364	-18	2.8	15.7
232.90	Yule Catto	284	-3	2.9	21.6

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
29.10	ABI Leis	108	+2	4.8	..
56.10	Acal	391		2.9	18.2
24.00	Adams & Harvey	560	-5	3.5	7.6
8.25	Alexanders	21	-1	3.9	19.5
77.70	Appleyard	117	-1	6.2	20.6
11.80	Ass Br Eng	4½		1.4	58.8
136.20	BSS Group	530	..	4.3	21.7
7.82	Bearing Power	23	-1	4.1	14.6
15.70	Blanchley Mlr	256	+1	5.1	10.6
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	..
150.60	Brabyner	337	-2	4.8	18.7
4.41	Bridgend Grt	16		1.6	..
19.30	Brit Fitnest	81	-4	3.5	...
18.58	Brown & Tawse	51			
45.49	Burndene	43	-1	5.8	12.5
9.46	Cattys	285	+2	5.0	19.2
25.40	Caskel Plc	27	-½	5.2	14.7
12.00	Centrl Mlr	88	-5	5.8	21.8
15.40	Cook (DC)	36		3.5	11.0
318.10	Cowie	223	-10	4.6	10.9
33.80	Dag Motors	140		5.8	16.1
25.90	Delcross B	593		1.4	16.6
243.70	Diploma	438	-2	4.0	..
973.70	Electrocomps†	463	-7¾	2.8	19.0
30.80	Electron House	157	+1	2.5	16.2
219.20	Ellis & Everard	258	-1	3.7	18.9
183.00	Eurodollar	210	+1	5.1	16.4
64.90	European Mtr	121	+1	4.4	12.7
150.30	Evans Halshaw	403	-1	4.4	12.7
705.00	Farnell Elect†	523	-8	1.9	21.5
7.51	Fde Indmar	61		6.6	9.0
18.80	Gardiner	17½	-½	5.4	8.3
6.44	Gleechelson	22			24.3
6.64	Gowrings	73	...	3.4	22.2
25.40	Hatton Hldgs	88			53.9
130.90	Henlys	274½		3.4	14.7
2.87	Holders Tech	92	-3	8.2	10.0
45.70	ISA Intl	113		1.9	14.1
2,277.80	Inchcape†	433	-14	4.3	14.4
8.28	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
282.70	Kwik-Fit	164	+2	3.0	18.8
315.40	Lex Service	331	-14	5.1	12.7
37.80	Lookers	194		4.4	12.1
17.80	Malaya Grp	18½	-1½	1.7	...
43.40	Middlesex ©	7¾	+¼		
43.50	Norbain	418	-18	0.7	20.0
15.80	Northamber	92		1.1	39.1
13.70	PCT	156	..	6.0	15.0
101.10	Pendragon	262	..	3.8	17.2
41.20	Perry Grp	183	-2	5.4	8.9
31.30	Quicks Group	136	..	4.8	14.3
13.00	REA	161	-1	4.7	33.3
3.26	Reece	3	..		..
12.60	Ross Gp	9		2.8	..
28.60	SEP Ind	35½	-½	3.2	16.7
13.00	TLS Range	38		3.5	14.5
124.00	Time Products†	234	-¾	4.7	15.8
72.70	Vardy (Reg)	157	-1	3.7	14.8
35.10	Wholesale Ftgs	247	-1	5.9	..
38.30	Wills Gp	15	-½	4.2	8.4
17.80	Wyko	55	-1	1.1	..
10.40	Young (H)	83	-5	6.5	67.4

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
129.10	Adwest†	157	-3	6.0	18.0
591.20	Antofagasta†	338	-20	1.3	27.3
15.80	Armour†	49½		4.5	..
15,143.80	Broken Hill	914	-7	2.3	36.0
10,368.30	BTR†	285	-20	5.5	15.0
13,591.50	BAT†	441	-23	5.9	11.5
112.50	Bibby (J)	72	-1	5.4	...
1,216.00	Brierley Inv	46½	-3½	9.4	..
12.80	Cannon St	12½	..	..	4.8
840.20	Charter	748	-12	3.8	21.3
1,369.50	Cookson†	243	-2	3.3	22.0
11,738.20	Hanson	227	-6	6.8	20.3
1,846.30	Harrisn Crsfld†	149	-13	7.8	17.0
9,386.90	Hutch Whamp	280	-25½	2.2	18.5
3,213.70	Jardine Math	447½	-56¾	3.3	10.1
5.39	Jourdan (T)†	30	+½	4.2	29.8
1,186.40	Lonrho	153½	-10	3.3	42.1
36.80	Porter Chadbm	39	+1	...	...
363.20	Powell Duffryn	547	...	5.4	15.5
30.50	Rogers†	132	...	7.1	15.0
2,920.70	Rolls-Royce	440	+4	5.5	21.0
2,870.10	Sime Darby	163	-4	3.3	15.9
210.58	Steeley†	184	-4½	5.8	53.8
191.00	Suter	163½	-3½	7.1	15.8
368.00	TT Group	225	-4	2.3	..
2,824.80	Tomkins	222½	-1½	4.1	14.3
868.60	Trafalgar H	81	-2	1.5	..
57.40	Utd Indust	295		3.6	15.2
539.60	Wassall	280	-7	1.6	24.0
14.70	Wintrey	9¼	-¼	..	
2,011.40	Williams Hldg	348	-10	4.7	21.5

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,434.20	East Midlands	743	-38½	4.3	58.6
2,044.70	Eastern Grp	792½	-13½	3.6	17.3
1,362.10	London Elect	668	-51	4.2	10.2
889.80	Manweb	765	-53	4.0	9.1
1,421.90	Midlands Elec	746	-32	3.9	11.4
6,384.40	National Power	498	-13	3.3	13.5
880.70	Nortern Elec	787	-34	3.9	9.9
587.60	Nthn Ireland	357	-18	4.0	9.7
1,239.00	Norweb	774	-38	3.7	10.2
4,292.40	PowerGen†	547½	-8½	3.1	11.8
1,284.80	Hydro-Elect	314	-19	5.0	9.9
2,889.70	Scottish Power	348	-16	4.7	10.9
1,027.00	Seeboard	409½	-15½	3.6	10.8
770.80	Sth Wales	787	-49	4.2	10.4
868.30	Sth Western	749	-46	3.9	9.9
2,111.10	Southern Elec	779	-28	3.8	12.2
1,483.90	Yorkshire Elec	711	-27	4.1	13.8

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
85.40	Acorn Comp	87	..		
85.10	Alba	182	...	3.4	16.0
174.40	Amstrad†	30	-½	2.1	..
23.18	Arlen	31	-2	..	
259.20	Astec	84	-2½	1.3	17.2
30.40	Aztan	139	-4	2.7	11.2
1,172.80	BICC†	332	-18	7.2	20.9
28.20	Bessley Hunter	285	..	4.6	..
5.94	Bestobay Bus	7½	+½	..	
126.30	Blick	414	-1	3.1	16.8
532.20	Bowthorpe†	386	-15	3.1	16.4
4.29	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16½	-1	1.9	9.6
44.80	CML Micro	241	-27	3.1	15.4
56.00	Chloride	23½	-¾	0.5	65.5
11.30	Copymore	107	-6	5.1	..
369.20	Cray Elect	159½	-10	1.8	18.1
64.10	Critchley	458	+14	2.3	19.2
583.60	Danka Bu Sys	307	-37	0.7	26.1
701.40	Delta†	472	-1	3.9	20.2
141.20	Domino	533	+11	2.0	22.9
102.30	Dowding Mills	69	..	4.6	25.2
93.40	Druck	1460	..	0.9	27.2
2,327.80	Electrolux 'B'	3269¾	-143¾	1.6	55.5
32.30	Emess	39½	-1	0.4	
7,228.40	Ericsson 'B'	3649¼	-212½	1.1	31.5
31.00	Eurocopy	64	..	3.5	18.9
345.70	Eurotherm	388	-7	1.6	23.0
286.90	Fairey Group	381	-4	2.1	20.2
14.80	Forward Gp	180	-10	3.9	10.6
14.30	Forsamte Techt	42	-2	2.2	8.7
7,513.10	GEC	274	-13½	4.9	13.8
215.40	Gestetner	109	+1½	2.8	..
93.50	Grasby	145	-2	5.2	13.6
49.10	Ind Control	123	-1	5.1	10.4
151.50	Kenwood Appl▲	330	-5	3.5	18.1
309.40	Kodaw (A)	890	+10	3.9	41.0
5.83	Kode	62	..	8.1	..
4.13	LPA Ind	46	..	4.3	..
55.80	MTL Inst	310	-4	1.7	18.7
125.50	Memtr-Sw	255	..	2.0	19.9
21.40	Microvitec	33½	-1	..	
236.90	Mitel	215	-16	..	..
30.50	Murray Ent	115	-1	2.2	..
8.04	Orbis	22	-1	2.9	..
3.10	Pacer Systems†	66	-4	6.7	23.9
98.10	Peak†	83	-3	5.1	20.9
8,440.00	Philips Lmp nv	1921½	-112½	1.0	8.7
14.20	Philips Fn 4%	£110		5.2	..
33.90	Pilco	353	-7	1.6	24.2
22.90	Pilco 'A' Vtg	332	..	1.7	22.8
5.58	Plessmec	120		3.9	
33.80	Prescot▼	91	-4	3.9	17.5
10.80	Prestwick	26			
37.00	Psion	254	+1	1.4	17.8
618.80	Racal Elect	218	-13	2.4	17.9
8.67	Radamec†	47	-4	5.1	12.9
127.70	Rodoro	236	+3	2.4	17.2
7.48	Scanronic	20½	-1	5.1	..
22.40	Silverdines	35	-2	2.9	20.8
6.27	Soundtracks	62	-1	4.8	14.1
42.50	Stm Bus	44	-1	10.8	6.8
0.94	TDS Circuits	10½	-½	..	
3,874.10	TDK	2948½	-103¾	1.1	..
70.50	Telemetrix	77	-5	1.6	9.8
20.70	TGI	94	+2	2.7	17.5
105.90	Telspec	334	+2	0.9	40.4
38.70	Thorpe FW	231	-3	1.7	16.9
3.63	Total Systems	36	..	..	37.4
84.00	Tunstall	256	..	1.8	18.3
243.50	Unitech	355	-4	2.3	27.8
20.40	Verity	19	+1	..	
104.70	Volex	395	+1	5.9	17.0
18.30	Walesbourne	78	-11	..	
66.90	Whitecroft	153	+7	2.9	23.8

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.40	AIM	185	-1	3.4	44.0
181.70	APV†	61½	-½	8.9	..
131.00	ASW†	195	+6	3.8	..
14.30	Aero Hamble	25	-1	18.7	2.5
8.08	Aerospace Eng	18	-½	5.8	45.4
24.50	Alvis	44	-1	2.8	30.6
40.50	Ash & Lacy	154	-2	3.2	15.9
56.70	Atlas Equip	545	..	5.0	18.2
12.30	Ayrshire Metal	123	+7	1.5	..
49.30	BM Gp	44½	-½		
224.10	Babcock	28½	-½	..	
64.50	BWI†	135	-3	6.2	30.7
122.80	Baynes (Charles)	85	-1½	2.6	21.8
7.71	Beaufort	32			
1.85	Billam (J)	114	-37	5.8	7.1
178.90	Bodycote†	309	-4	2.2	21.1
2.64	Booth Inds	65	-1	..	
12.80	Bramay	16	-½	4.1	16.3
88.80	Bridport	157	..	3.2	..
1,713.10	Br Aerospace▼	452	+10	2.5	39.7
3,087.50	Br Steel†	153	-½	2.9	18.5
65.40	Bromsgrove Ind	90	+1	6.2	11.4
4.67	Brooke Tool	12½	-½		
186.30	Bullough	154	+1	4.9	25.3
24.40	Buzzlaid	71	-3	9.3	30.5
73.00	CI Group†	15	+½	2.5	..
154.50	Circle Eng	252	+2	4.5	16.5
59.50	Castings	141	+1	2.3	17.3
11.20	Chamberlin Hill†	155	-2½	5.4	9.8
65.40	Chemring	283		4.1	14.9
14.60	Clyde Blowers	185	-6	3.1	..
251.00	Cobham	332	+2	2.9	16.6
4.19	Cohen (A)	540		0.8	..
8.90	Concentric	100	-1	4.4	..
53.50	Cook (Wm)†	242	-4½	3.9	11.4
131.10	David Brown	228	+12	3.6	16.1
87.70	Dobson Park	78	-1	6.0	15.4
175.80	EIS†	388		4.0	15.6
35.30	Elliott (B)†	100	+1	2.5	15.0
56.90	Expamet	80	..	3.6	63.8
729.80	FKI	183	-3	3.3	18.6
96.40	Fenner	138	-1	1.4	..
7.72	Fexon	31			
27.30	GEI Intl	74	..	2.5	20.8
4.73	Garton Engt	124	-1	4.7	..
685.80	Glynwed†	335	-10	4.3	18.6
95.70	Graviner†	13		2.3	11.0
73.60	Haden MacLn	67	-1	3.7	17.3
8.91	Hadleigh	139	+4	3.2	14.4
52.00	Hall Eng	183	-2	4.8	12.8
445.40	Halma	223½	-½	1.3	26.2
31.80	Hampson Ind	52	+1	4.8	9.8
14.90	Harris (Philip)	139	-1	6.2	17.2
2.90	Hay (Norman)	56			
45.60	Hill & Smith	140	-5	5.2	15.2
41.40	Hopkinsons†	53	..	3.1	...
16.20	Howe Ext	33	..	2.4	..
260.20	Howden	86	-½	3.5	14.1
168.00	Hunting†	171½	+1½	7.3	24.5
122.50	Huntleigh Tec	433	..	1.5	20.2
1,035.00	IMI	317	-11	4.0	26.9
51.90	Johnson & FB	97	-½	1.2	..
1,854.30	Johnson Matth	552	-22	2.8	21.8
7.71	Jones Shipman	30	..		
9.22	Kelsey Ind	300	-19	3.3	..
18.80	Linear	255	+12	3.4	15.8

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.36	AAF Inds	32			
13.60	Airflow Stream†	158	+6	3.1	15.6
139.70	Avon Rubber	525	-8	3.9	22.8
815.80	BBA	200	-6	2.8	
166.90	BSG†	57	-½	7.0	35.6
11.70	Benson Group	9	-½	4.6	12.4
47.00	Bostrom†	298	-2	2.5	17.0
15.10	Boustead	23	-2	4.4	..
26.30	Coverdale	12¾		7.5	12.4
31.80	ERF	324		0.8	..
51.30	First Tech	330	+3	1.3	19.0
2,116.70	GKN	610	-26	4.2	35.7
17,141.80	General Mtrs	2412½	-50	2.1	..
18,184.60	Honda Motor	1045½	-44½	0.4	..
471.20	Laird▼	333	-21½	4.1	16.1
7.00	Lendes	350			
1,543.30	Lucas†	201	-8	4.4	
105.60	Mayflower	53	-1	3.3	21.6
35.80	Motorsides	71	-1		9.9
27.60	Syltone	165	-1	3.8	18.1
1,154.00	T & N	218	-6	6.2	19.0
160.90	Trinity Hldgs	313		2.6	22.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,497.50	AB Food	555	-19	3.7	11.4
110.90	Acatos & Hutch	258	-16	4.1	10.3
311.30	Albert Fisher†	44	+2	10.5	15.0
18.00	Banks (S C)	210		5.8	8.0
69.90	Barr (AG)	370	-4	2.3	23.9
7.17	Bensons Crsp	39		6.9	
917.40	Booker†	409	-3	6.7	15.1
29.50	Borthwick	51		3.2	21.8
22.40	CPL Aromas	206	+4	1.8	19.6
3,581.90	Cadbury-Schw†	430	-13	4.5	14.2
14.50	Carrs Milling	212		3.7	..
18.90	Clearwick	143	-7	7.4	11.7
12.80	Dalepak	110	-8	1.7	..
982.40	Dalgety†	419	-5	6.3	11.7
4.48	Daniels S	54	-2	0.7	
295.60	Devro	219	+2	3.6	14.8
18.50	Everest†	65	-5	4.8	24.4
1.31	Farringford	5			
68.80	Finlay (James)†	67	-2	7.7	9.1
16.90	Glotalt	14		4.5	12.8
19.08	Grand Central	48			
248.10	Hazlewood Fds	106	-14	7.9	6.6
1,156.80	Hillsdown†	167	-10	6.6	11.9
95.70	Hobson	24½	-½		
38.60	JJ Group	93	-1	6.5	13.1
62.70	Linton Park	366	-26	6.0	10.5
148.90	Matthews (B)	130	-2	2.8	14.4
436.90	Man ED & F	170	-4	6.3	9.4
94.30	Nichols (JN)	338		3.1	15.3
1,173.00	Nthn Foods	204	-10	5.5	10.3
8.76	Nthmbrn Fr	11	-1		
4.29	Pascoe's	11	-1	..	..
85.70	Perkins Food	69	-5½	8.1	11.6
3.57	Sentry Farm	83		3.4	8.4
28.60	Sims Food†	83	-3	11.3	..
1,529.20	Tate & Lyle	435	-18	4.3	9.5
20.10	Trait	211	-1	2.4	17.2
815.40	Unigate	348	-9	6.4	8.7
8,867.40	Unilever†	1103	-26½	2.9	15.9
11,405.80	Unilever (NV)	7100	-128½	3.0	14.3
1,641.10	Utd Biscuits†	312	-17	6.1	25.5
6.42	Usborne	7	+½	..	
14.80	West Trust	35	+2	10.1	24.2
50.30	Yorkshire Food	113	..	3.6	13.3

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
345.70	AAH	385	+3	5.8	13.7
507.20	Amersham†	879	-5	2.3	18.4
34.30	Anagen	52	-5	..	..
35.30	Assoc Nursg	214	..	1.2	12.5
68.10	Bespak	389	-2	4.7	13.8
26.10	Care UK	6¾	..	..	..
43.20	Celsis	72	+2	..	..
62.50	Chiroscience	2			
51.90	Cortecs	47			
80.40	Community Hlt	243	-3	4.1	14.0
58.80	CrestaCare	31		3.1	
28.80	Enviromed	125	..	0.2	..
9.31	Ferraris Group	68		3.2	..
62.29	Goldsborough	142	-3	2.9	15.5
17.70	Greenacre†	10	-½	4.2	13.3
11.40	Intercare Gp	40	..	10.9	4.3
35.60	Isotron	285	..	2.1	..
249.70	Life Sciences	144	-1	3.6	14.3
290.90	Lon Intl	86			
35.20	Nestor-BNA	47	.	8.4	11.5
4.34	Premier Health	1½			
36.40	Quality Care	360	-2	2.2	15.1
98.40	Scholl	146	-4	5.5	14.0
135.00	Seton Health▼	326	-17½	2.6	16.6
11.20	Shield Diag	60			
1,647.10	Smith & Nephew†	151¼	+3¼	4.2	16.8
1.40	Specialeyes	9			
261.90	Takare	209	-4	1.2	18.2
436.90	UniChem▼	255½	-4½	3.3	14.6
170.30	West Hlthcare	334	-1	1.7	..

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
57.80	Airsprung	242	-2	2.5	15.1
11.00	BLP Group	165	-3	0.8	45.3
3.12	Bilston Btrsea	37			
36.80	Cowell Plr 'A'	91	-3	7.8	20.4
8.32	Creighton N	180	-10	5.3	12.7
51.40	Denby Group	154	-1	2.5	17.7
6.85	Gaskell	141	-4	3.8	..
9.32	Lowmoor	4¾	-¼	5.3	
37.60	Maybom	190		3.9	12.6
134.20	Oldham Intl	251		5.2	11.4
25.60	Osborne & Little	418	-6	2.3	15.1
110.00	Paterson Zoch	450	-8	3.8	13.0
98.80	Paterson Zch 'A'	421	-13	4.1	12.2
2,090.60	Reckitt Colm▼	566	-20	4.1	14.1
52.60	Relyon	248	-6	2.7	45.3
95.40	Silentnight†	206	-8	4.9	12.9
21.80	Stoddard	33	-1	6.2	12.2
13.40	Tomkinsons	216	+2	6.9	..
9.81	Victoria Carpet	145		3.9	7.8
101.50	Walker Greenbk†	105	+1	4.0	18.7
418.20	Waterford Wdgwd	59	+½		46.9
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	135	...	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
528.30	Alex & Alex	1206¼	-68¾	5.6	..
3,478.90	Am Genl	1662½	-99½	4.5	..
63.50	Angerstein	94	+5	1.8	77.5
21.60	Archer	59	+2	2.1	..
54.40	Bradstock	90	-2	7.7	10.3
760.30	Britannic	401	-13	4.1	..
84.50	CLM Insce	98	+2	1.8	..
3,503.30	Com Union	530	-2	6.0	20.0
49.90	Delian	98	+6	0.6	..
112.50	Dom & Gen	1655	-13	2.1	17.7
101.50	FAI†	34	-2	1.4	
67.70	FBD IE	787½	..	4.1	7.8
56.00	Fenchurch Grp	157	-1	6.6	
30.00	Frinbury Under	100	+4	1.7	64.5
2,450.70	Gen Accident†	541	-39	6.4	8.7
1,503.20	GRE†	182½	-13	5.3	20.4
60.60	HCG Lloyds	93	+3	1.7	78.4
156.80	Heath C E†	238	-7	8.4	..
99.20	Hibernian IE	192¾	..	5.0	7.2
31.50	Hiscox Select	105	+3	1.8	..
167.00	Independent	240	-1	4.6	6.5
556.00	Irish Lifet	183	-2	6.4	17.1
153.40	JB Group	120	-4	7.8	11.0
2,058.00	Legal & Genl	420	-18	6.1	16.7
3,394.00	Liberty Lifet	1425	-43¾	7.4	5.4
291.20	London Ins Mkt	104		2.4	35.9
129.80	Lloyd Thomp	167	-4	5.8	11.0
2,272.80	Lloyds Abbey	327	-12	7.1	9.9
62.70	Lombard Ins	176	..	5.5	15.8
369.60	Lonon & Mant	306	-8	6.6	15.2
281.20	London Ins Mkt	104		2.4	35.9
99.00	Lowndes Lmb	167	+11	5.9	16.1
3,381.80	Marsh McLn	4587½	-150	4.0	..
39.80	Masthead	99	+4	..	
79.10	Nelson Hurst	175	..	4.0	17.5
52.80	New London Cap	88	+4	0.7	..
26.10	Orion†	107	-4	5.8	..
15.80	Premium Trust†	80		3.1	..
14.80	Premium Under	112			
5,924.90	Prudential	312	-11½	5.4	13.5
11.10	PWS	38	..	10.4	..
485.30	Refuge†	258	-8	5.6	19.0
1,861.80	Royal	286	-4	3.9	5.9
619.10	Sedgwick	150	+1	5.0	17.0
57.00	Steel Burrill	119	+3	9.5	..
38.50	Sturge Hldgs	76		4.9	..
2,540.30	Sun Alliance†	314	-24	6.0	8.7
29.30	Syndicate Cap	90	+6	1.7	71.7
109.70	Trade Indemnity†	80		1.9	13.4
1,021.40	Transatlantic	338	+2	4.4	30.8
371.50	Utd Friendly	453	-7	4.7	23.3
619.80	Willis Corroon	148	-7	5.6	17.3
8.11	Windsor	24		..	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,641.40	3i	333	+7	2.5	..
41.80	Abtrust Emerg	83½	-5	0.3	..
34.00	Abtrust High Inc	85	-2	8.4	..
94.20	Abtrust N Dawn	218	-8	0.5	
877.00	Alliance	1740	-24	3.4	...
215.80	American Trust	258¾	-9½	2.6	...
465.90	Anglo & O'seas	408	-13	2.2	...

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
40.80	Baillie Gifford Sh	142	-6		
277.30	Bankers	179	-5½	2.7	
54.70	Barry Em Eu	44½	-2½	0.3	
166.20	Baring Tribne	324	-5	2.5	
11.50	Berry Starq	33	-2	1.2	
94.40	Bisec Inv	159	-6		
361.00	Br Assets†	94	-½	5.7	
121.70	Br Empire Sect	91½	-¾	1.3	
4.79	Br Empire Wts	36	-1		
649.00	Br Inv	208	-6	3.0	
61.00	Brazilian	97½	-1½	0.3	
149.10	Brunner	222	-4	2.9	
64.00	BCW Com	125	-6	7.8	
71.70	Canover	320	-5	4.4	
105.00	Central Euro Gwth	52½	-2½		
33.90	China & Eastern	176	-11	2.5	
47.20	Coad Assel	186	-4	2.0	
5.84	Dasue Inv Inc	80	-1	12.4	
42.60	Derby Cap	278	-10		
18.90	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
9.35	Drayton Blue	74	-1	14.8	
46.50	Dryd Eng Intl	95	-½	1.1	
160.10	Drym Far East	138½	-5	0.6	
199.00	Duneon Inc 6	622	-16	5.3	
35.00	Duneon Japan	87½	-2		
50.70	Duneon Smlr	302	-4	3.7	
2.90	Duneon Wts	36½	-3½		
249.20	Duneon Wrde	744	-21	1.6	
90.10	Edin Dragon	109½	-5½		
40.30	Edinburgh Incat	45	-2	0.1	
878.50	Edinburgh	299	-9½	3.7	
15.80	EFM Japan	158	-6		
557.40	Electra Inv	322	-8	2.8	
172.70	Electric Gen	191	-4	2.1	
8.07	Eng & Caledon	180	-1	2.8	
1.45	English Scot	110	-		
71.30	European Assel	286	-8	2.6	
80.80	Fidelity Euro Val	155	-2	0.2	
122.20	Fidelity Jap Val	81½	-2½		
37.40	Fresbury 'A'†	156		2.4	
25.30	First Spanish	69½	-3½	0.4	
187.50	Fleming Amer	279½	-10	0.5	
47.30	Fleming Chinesel	79½	-4½	0.8	
4.20	Fleming Ch Wts	35	-4½		
108.70	Fleming Claverl	204	-5	3.4	
301.80	Fleming Contl	309	-7	0.9	
163.30	Fleming Em Mkts	169	-3		
80.80	Fleming Ento	202	-6	3.0	
521.60	Fleming F East	345	-15	0.5	
44.60	Fleming Fledg	353	-7	1.1	
30.50	Fleming Hi Inct	94	-4	5.9	
79.80	Fleming Indian	95	-1		
8.40	Fleming In Wts	50	-3		
27.40	Fleming Intl	37	-1½	12.1	
413.20	Fleming Japan	233	-9½		
398.80	Fleming Merc	276	-7	3.0	
378.50	Fleming Overs	285	-7	1.9	
1,403.10	Foreign & Col	133½	-3	1.7	
40.80	For & Col Inc Gwth	95	-4	1.9	
125.20	Fgn Emg Mkts	125	-3½		
67.20	Fgn Enterprise	71½	-½	1.0	
133.60	Fgn Eurost	222	-7	0.7	
46.40	Fgn German	118	-4	0.5	
353.40	Fgn Pacific	307	-15	1.0	
57.80	Fgn PEP†	122		3.6	
170.70	Fgn Smaller	163	-2½	1.5	
51.50	Fgn US Smlr	100	-2		
4.01	Fulcrum Cap	35			
5.39	Fulcrum Inc	48		23.2	
12.00	Fulcrum Zero	139	-½		
95.50	Gartmore Brit	191	-2	2.4	
22.10	Gartmore Euro	150	-3	0.9	
29.40	Gartmore Smlt	98	-3	14.0	
23.80	Geared Inc Invt	103	-4	10.1	
27.30	Genl Cons Cap	151	-2		
37.70	Genl Inct	104	-1	10.5	
35.50	German Inv	91	-1½	0.1	
88.90	Gov Asian Sm Co's	237	-13	0.1	
42.00	Gov Eng Mkt	117½	-4½	0.3	
35.20	Govett Am Smlr	141	-8		
18.50	Gov Glob Smlr	85	-2		
40.20	Govett High Inc	84		7.6	
691.80	Govett Oriental	385	-16	0.4	
230.80	Govett Strategict	235	-8	3.6	
47.40	Greenfrie	412	-3	2.0	
0.81	Gresham House	19			
142.60	GT Japan	228½	-7½	0.7	
80.10	H Govett Smlr Cot	121	-1	1.7	
30.00	Head High	115	-1	6.2	
46.90	Hend Strata	381	-2	0.6	
61.10	Herald	94	-2		
102.10	HTR Jap Smaller	102	-3½	0.6	
0.39	I&S Ent	13	-1		
31.00	I&S Uk Smllr	107	-3	3.3	
304.30	Inv Capt	123	-7	5.2	
	Inv Birzech	89	-1		
	Inv Wts	35	-2		
35.10	INVESCO Korea	152½	-1½		
27.00	J Fry 2nd U	93	-4	8.7	
10.10	J Fry Euro U	95	-1	6.3	
138.20	JF Fledg Jap	221	-3		
26.70	Jupiter Intl Gn	106	-2	4.0	
161.20	Kiwi Chl	199	-7	3.2	
34.90	Kiwi E Mk	123½	-5½		
32.70	Kiwi Enl	109	-2		
385.00	Kiwi Euro Prvl	77	-1½	1.3	
24.50	Kiwi Euro Wts	24½	-2		
24.60	Kiwi H Inct	82	-3	11.6	
184.10	Kiwi O'seas	229½	-6½	1.9	
16.60	Kiwi Smlr	126	-3	3.1	
135.30	Lazard American	150¼	-4¼		
184.80	Law Debenture	725	-9	3.4	
21.80	Lazard H Inc	96	-4	8.3	
19.90	Lloyds Sm Cap	81	-2		
6.88	Lloyds Sm Dw	28½	-½	15.6	
27.00	Lloyds Sm Plg	110	-2	4.0	
51.80	Lon St Lawrencet	158	-2	4.9	
29.10	Lon & Strathclydet	202	-7	3.6	
39.20	Lon Smaller Co's†	86	-1	4.6	
65.50	Lowland†	285	-3	4.1	
226.50	Lydenburg	1431¼		1.6	
53.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	535	-30		
13.40	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	134	-1	22.4	
110.30	M&G Dual Cap	2595	-25		
16.60	M&G Dual Inc	288	-2	30.5	
68.50	M&G Inc Geared	68	-½	9.2	
77.50	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29	-1½		
83.70	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	38	-1	16.6	
173.50	M&G Inc Package	119	-1½	5.2	
133.70	M&G Inc Zero Div	54¼	+¾		
41.80	M&G Rec Cap	31	-1		
636.90	M&G Rec Geared	63	-2	7.8	
49.10	M&G Rec Inc	32	-½	15.6	
1,307.20	M&G Rec Package	131	-2½	3.7	
95.60	M&G Rec Zero Div	71	+½		
33.90	M Currie Euro	104	-6	0.3	
55.80	M Currie Pac	135½	-9½	0.3	
101.80	Mavelde†	194	-1½	3.4	
11.30	Meralin	55	+3		
423.70	Merc Wld Mg	99½	-5		
288.00	Merchants	262	-9	5.3	
474.40	Mercury Euro Pv	82½	-2		
32.80	Mercury Wts	29½	-2		
29.80	Mercury Wld Wts	35	-2½		
387.30	Monks Inv Tst	512	-10	1.7	
50.80	Morg Gren Inct	128	-3½	4.7	
2.18	Morg Wts	45	-4		
62.90	Morg Latn Amer	98	-3½		
7.36	Morg Wts	57½	-1½		
30.50	Murray Ent	115	-1	2.2	
17.40	Murray Euro	58	-2	0.8	
279.50	Murray Income	325	-9	4.6	

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,140.60	Forte†	227	-5½	4.1	26.9
35.40	Friendly Hotels†	178	-1	4.0	29.8
7.24	GR Hldgs†	55		3.5	
2,998.00	Granada	516	-10	2.5	16.6
19.90	Hi-Tec Sports†	41		8.5	6.0
15.00	Hornby	181		6.2	15.8
55.30	Jarvis Hotel	162½		4.3	14.5
33.70	Kunick	14	-½		
196.80	London Clubs	278		5.4	14.2
1,825.90	Ladbroke†	157	-7	2.8	27.7
3.79	Magnolia	66		0.2	..
74.20	Man Utd	608	-30	4.3	..
492.80	Mandarin Ornt	72½	-13½	4.4	18.9
32.70	My Kinda Town	13½			
21.40	Northern†	66		5.7	10.9
63.60	Pelican Gp	90	-2	1.7	18.8
65.90	PizzaExpress	123	-2	2.0	18.9
9.42	Prism Leisure	112	-5	4.7	7.9
8.44	Quadrant Grp	23			
22.30	Ransoms (H)	253	-2	2.2	38.1
3,407.20	Rank Org	411	+1	2.8	26.4
17.70	Ryan Hotels IE†	27	+½	4.8	15.4
263.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	920	-18	0.5	
408.30	Stakis	85¼	+1½	1.8	30.8
180.40	Stanley Leisure	336	-4	2.0	18.9
1,050.40	Tarong	280	..	0.7	15.7
4,159.00	Thorn EMI	974	-20	4.5	18.4
19.70	Tottenham Hot	123	-6	1.0	33.0
81.40	VCI	158		1.7	14.1
66.70	Vardon	120	..	1.2	21.2
15.40	Wembley	6			
8.88	Zetters Gp	135		7.9	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
184.10	1st Choice	118	-3	3.7	
4.08	Abtrin Sp N	34			
519.60	Airtours	457	-7	2.5	15.9
12.60	Alo Lee	19			
205.10	Alpha Airport	135	-3	3.7	
27.90	Arcadion	40			
21.50	Baldwin	113		3.9	19.5
25.70	Barr & W A	358	+1	4.8	10.7
101.90	Bluebird Toys	232	-2	3.2	6.9
66.20	Boosey Hwks	358		1.5	20.0
10.50	Brent Walker	3			
11.10	Bristol Scots†	163		2.0	
2.11	Buckingham Int	1¾			
63.90	Chrysalis	238	+2	1.7	
151.80	City Centre Rest	79		2.8	16.0
799.30	Compass Gp	336	-9	2.5	19.8
67.10	Eurocamp	255	-4	4.9	10.5
818.60	Euro Disney	107	-1		
15.90	Euro Leisure	2	-½		
15.20	Fairline Boats	434	-1	3.4	30.2
421.60	First Leisure	258	-1	3.2	17.1

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
108.70	Abbott Mead	344	-2	2.1	31.1
46.40	Adscene	289	-2	2.8	20.7
211.80	Aegis Gp	26	+½		
7.56	Allied Radio	5½			
1.24	BBB Design	15			7.7
30.40	Barbour Index	180	-3	5.9	15.6
5.89	Betacale	6½	-½		
4.97	Black (A&C)	320	-15	5.3	11.6
227.20	Blenheim Gp†	244		5.3	9.1
17.80	Border TV	175	-2	2.9	14.6
61.90	Bristol	376	-1	4.2	25.7

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
391.93	Murray Inc	332	-10	4.8	
10.32	Murray Sm	160	-2		
7.62	Murray Sm Inc	136	-4		
6.48	Murray Sm Inc	81	-1	10.4	
1.58	Murray Sm Wts	280		4.3	
263.70	Murray Smaln	479	-17	1.2	
75.60	Murray Ventr	296	-3	4.7	
1.59	Murray Wts	32			
1.00	Murray Ez Wts	16½	-½		
5.70	Newmarket	58			
23.50	Northgt Pac	66			9.0
18.50	Northgt Cap	74	-3		
123.90	Oceanic Ws Tst	349	-9	1.2	
3.59	Oceanic Wts	270	-4		
107.70	Pacific Assets	128	-2	0.3	
14.00	Pacific Wts	43	-16		
34.70	Personal Ass	55	-6		
13.30	Persona Assets	8750	..	2.2	
46.70	Pet Invt	126	-½	1.5	
9.16	Pope, Euro Cm	31	-1		
323.50	RIT Cap Ptr	173	-4	1.1	
10.93	River Merc Am Cap	27	-1½		
7.72	River Merc Am Inc	132	-1	3.6	
0.86	River Merc Am Wts	11½	-1½		
47.50	River Merc Cap	119	-4		
34.20	River Merc Ea Inc	92	-2	10.6	
1.02	River Merc Ea Wts	17			
11.60	River Merc Geo Gth	85	-2	11.5	
9.28	River Merc Gro Pp	39			
12.70	River Merc Tst Inc	132	-½	13.4	
1.39	River Merc Ar	31			
21.20	River Merc Sm Co	124	-1	4.2	
1.26	River Merc Sm Wt	32	-1		
	Robeco	412		3.1	
	Rolinco	429		1.9	
7.13	Schrod Jap	72	-½		
10.60	Schrod Jap Gwth	54½	-3		
9.50	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	33	-1		
6.20	Schrod Jap Wt	12			
58.10	Scotsc Korea Fd	979½	-109	0.1	
5.10	Scot Amer Fr At	453½	-20½		
40.20	Scot Cal Zero Div	106½	-½		
8.77	Scot Sola Pr Cap	33			
62.30	Scot Sola Pr Inct	110	..	8.4	
22.50	Scot UK Grth	36	-1		
	Scot UK Grth Wt	35	-4		
540.80	Scot	212	-2½	3.1	
345.20	Scot American	153½	-3	3.9	
56.00	Scot Asian	276	-14		
5.17	Scot Wts	72	-20		
519.60	Scot Eastern	82	-1½	2.4	
73.50	Scot Mortg	223	-5	2.4	
146.90	Scot Natl Tst	52	-1½	10.2	
53.30	Scot Value	109	-2	2.2	
291.30	Second Alliance	1517	-36	3.5	
256.20	Secs Tst of Scot	89	-5	5.1	
44.80	Selective Assets	56	-1	1.2	
17.30	SHIRESCOT†	125	-1	5.1	
41.80	Sphere Invt	39½	-1	14.0	
104.20	St Andrew Trt	232	-5	3.5	
197.90	Temple Bar	370½	-9½	5.1	
105.20	Thmtn Asian E	152	-3	0.6	
17.30	Throg Dual Cp	490	..		
224.80	Throgmorton	74	-1½	3.9	
485.50	Tpiton Eng Mkt	121	-5	0.7	
296.20	TR City of Lon	146	-2	4.5	
71.40	TR Far East	152	-1	4.5	
154.10	TR Pacific	115	-1	0.2	
158.80	TR Propert	93½	-1	3.4	
335.00	TR Smr Cos	138	-2½	2.5	
40.40	TR Tech Inv	111	-3	2.0	
20.70	Turkey Trust	211	-1	1.8	
87.10	USDC Invest	228	-4	2.4	
50.90	Value Inc Trst	119	-½	4.4	
13.80	Vigilant	65		9.9	
848.20	Witan	225	-7½	3.2	
26.30	Yeoman Inc	197		7.0	

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.54	Alex Corp	100		3.4	6.8
930.50	Ang Am Coal	3693¾	+162½	2.6	19.3
8,303.60	Ang Am	3565¾	-212½	2.0	32.1
1,579.60	Ang Am Gold†	6540¾	-337¼	4.2	16.9
20.20	Anglo Pac Res	36			
1,140.60	Ashanti	1358¾	-6¼		
355.30	Ashton	127	+5	4.2	
15,143.80	Broken Hill	914	-7	2.3	36.0
39.00	Bakyrchik	260	-25		
398.40	Beatrix	423½	-28¾	4.3	23.5
3.66	Bracth	35		2.4	30.2
25.30	Bryvoors	105½	-22		
172.50	Bougainville	43	-1		
2.51	Bracken	18		5.0	
62.90	Buffels	571¾	-42¾	9.6	
6.47	Bute	2¾			
5,202.50	CRA	874	+35	2.5	26.6
	Central Pacific	50	-2		
30.90	Cliff Res	42½	-1		
49.20	Coal Inv	84	-4		
14.90	Cons Murchison	238	-14	2.7	
5,536.70	De Beers	1456¼	-56¼	3.7	15.1
103.80	Deelkraal	104¼	+½	3.5	9.0
20.70	Doornfontein	51¼	-14		
1,986.20	Driefontein	973¾	-27	4.5	14.0
16.70	Durban	719¼	-109¾		
70.50	E Rand Gold†	153½	-16¼	13.5	4.9
11.40	E Rand Prop	84	+5		
58.70	Eastern Trans	68		3.5	16.1
438.20	Elandsrand	451¼	-24¾	3.6	10.3
1,061.70	Eng China Clt	348	-7	5.8	16.8
1,089.50	FS Const	915¼	-53¼	6.4	11.7
15.60	FS Dev	70		1.8	
1,924.90	GFSA	1993¾		1.9	29.2
487.00	GM Kalgoorli	51	-4	2.9	18.4
3,169.40	Gencor	230¼	-5¼	1.2	28.3
12.10	Gold Fields Prop▼	118		8.0	
73.90	Gopeng	103	-4	0.3	
16.10	Greenwich R 'A'	18½			
17.10	Grootvlei	149¾	-11½	6.4	7.8
92.70	Gwalia Cons	90	-5½	1.1	10.6
150.20	Harmony	558¼	-24		
327.50	Harties	292½	-10½	9.2	9.0
965.90	Impala Plat	1528¾	-18½	1.7	46.4
173.80	Kidston	138	+2	8.6	12.6
198.60	Kinross	1103¾	-12¾	4.4	15.1
1,258.00	Kloof	907¼	-85	3.6	9.3
16.90	Leslie	105½	-8	10.3	6.1
46.60	Loraine	284¼	-15		
20.70	Meekatharra	24	+4		
0.60	Mhangura	3			
1,693.50	MIM	120	-2	2.0	
3,393.80	Minorco	1508¼	-125	2.4	
97.20	Mosarch	180	-9		
58.80	NSM	98	+3		11.3
1,062.10	Nth Brkn Hill	159	+4	3.4	22.9
	Orve Gold	94			
175.20	Pancontinentl	78	-5		
57.50	Peraking Tin	285	-10	0.5	
1,048.30	Placer Pac	168	-10		
11.40	Premier Land	5			
157.40	RJB	#348	..	4.4	16.8
8,877.40	RTZ†	882	-29	3.1	23.7
5.30	Rackwood	33			
387.70	Rand Mines†	650		1.8	
386.20	Randfontein	631¼	-46	8.0	7.8
467.30	Renison	235	-10		
2,149.70	Rustnbrg	1715¾	-28½	1.7	
	St Barbara	66	-9		
53.90	St Helena	558¼	-74	8.0	
170.20	Sons Gwalia	239	-31	5.1	15.1
55.60	Sthern Pacific	20	-1		
509.40	Southvaal	1959¾	-75	4.5	22.3
3.36	Starmon	1			
13.80	Stilfontein	105½	+½	20.6	3.6
53.20	Unisel	190	-11¼	3.2	14.3
6,839.30	Vaal Reefs	5740¾	-350	4.5	9.2
15.20	Wankie Col Z	15		8.3	3.6
110.90	Watts Blake	533		2.9	20.1
438.40	Western Areas	1087¼	-60¾	6.7	10.0
769.00	Western Deep	2775	-221¾	3.8	9.4
4,076.20	Western Mng	369	+10	1.1	55.8
109.10	Winkels	895¾	-43¾	5.4	12.4
65.00	Zambia Copper	53			
71.60	Zandpan	55	..	8.2	12.2

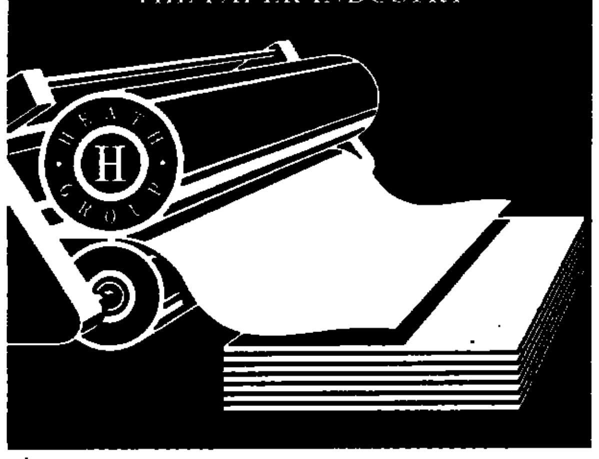
Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
54.80	CIA Gp	134	-1	1.6	21.7
237.30	Capital Radio	225½	-18½	2.8	
2,010.20	Carlton Comm	874	-16½	2.8	19.3
6.64	City of Lon	87	-5	6.4	13.1
68.00	Daily Mail	1359¾	-6¼	1.4	31.8
974.10	Daily Mail 'A	978¼	-6¼	1.9	22.9
187.00	Dorling Kindt	289	-1	1.4	31.0
785.70	EMAP	398	-2	2.6	21.9
4,141.80	Elsevier	630¼	+8	3.1	20.4
360.60	Euromoney Pb	1653	+5	3.3	..
4.48	Fitch	12			
443.00	Flextech	475	-8		
60.50	GWR Gp	869		1.5	31.5
44.10	Gold Greenless	167	-3	4.0	20.2
9.70	Goodhead†	24		0.3	
46.40	Grampian	329	-6	3.1	17.5
189.80	HTV Group	725½	-18½	1.7	28.7
3.90	Harrington K	39	+1	3.2	
58.30	Haynes Pub	373	-10	3.0	22.2
116.90	Hodder H'line	335	+6	2.0	54.5
16.50	Home Counts	165	-7	3.8	40.4
352.00	Independent	293		2.6	10.0
85.70	Intl Bus Comm	220	-1	2.0	10.7
6.90	Inteleurope	134	-9	7.3	
201.40	Johnston Press	151		1.6	21.2
11.10	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
36.60	MAID	46	-2		68.3
49.00	Metal Bulletin	495		2.8	35.7
156.10	Midland Ind	112½	-11½	3.1	15.4
590.60	Mirror Gp	142	-4	0.9	7.5
115.40	More O'Ferrall	355	-1	4.6	20.5
4,690.60	News Corp	292	-11	0.6	15.7
1,002.20	News Intl	232	-9	0.8	12.3
7.85	Osprey Comms†	30		0.4	
3,334.10	Pearson	604	-4	2.8	20.8
8.49	Phonelink	235	-10		
74.40	Portsmth Sund	620	-30	2.2	12.7
46.10	Quarto	251	-1	3.0	13.7
1,427.00	Reed Intl	789½	-½	3.1	23.9
7,834.90	Reuters	470	-12	1.8	23.5
34.20	Saatchi	155	-4		30.3
52.90	Scot Radio	575	-8	2.3	22.5
206.80	Scot TV†	429	-3	3.6	29.8
35.10	SelecTV	24½			
60.20	Shandwick	44½	-1	1.2	6.7
37.90	Southnews	247	-2	1.7	24.7
62.60	Sterling Pub	135		3.3	11.5
6.91	Sunset & Vinet	121	-8	4.1	
77.90	Taylor Nelsont	35½		2.2	21.4
477.30	Telegraph	353	+7	4.6	12.5
4,197.60	Thomson Corpt	775		5.2	36.2
260.00	Trinity Inv	379		3.5	17.5
71.90	Ulster TV	685	-19	3.0	21.1
1,238.60	Utd Newspapst	507	-14	5.6	12.3
12.00	VTR	115	-9	4.4	12.1
13.50	WAGO	28½	-½	6.2	9.8
621.40	WPP†	114	-3	1.1	16.3
196.20	Yorkshire TV	397	-7		

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
104.60	Aran Energy	40	-1		24.2
22.40	Arcpe Intl	39	-1		
	Aus Oil & Gas	55½	-¼		
18.90	Awal Pet	60			
97.20	Br Borneo	216	-1	4.1	10.1
12,794.10	British Gas†	295	-5½	6.1	
22,935.00	Br Petroleum†	417	-8½	2.9	22.8
20.60	Bula Resources	2¾	+		
1,646.00	Burmah Castrol	823	-26	4.2	16.4
55.70	Cairn Energy	86			47.4
481.90	Calor Gpt	286		5.5	13.8
159.20	Clyde Pet	39	-2	1.1	
17.10	Copley Res	10¼	-1½		
48.10	Dragon Oil▲	2½	+¼		
7.65	Edle Oil & Gs	22		..	23.7
1,840.10	Enterprise	374	-6	5.3	
60.80	Fairhaven Ind	25		4.9	10.2
70.30	Flogas	285		5.7	11.6
58.20	Fortune	5½			
87.20	Goal Pet	65	-1	2.8	21.6
46.40	Gl Western Res	41	-3		
160.50	Hardy O & G	142	-1	0.9	18.2
74.60	Hall Energy	49	-1	3.4	
1,390.20	Lasmo	144	-4	0.9	
3.59	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
449.10	Monument	67½	-1½		72.1
4.91	New London	#4			
5,388.00	Norsk Hydro	2353¾	-12½	1.4	
6.94	Oceanics	5			
122.40	Oil Search	40	-2		
	Petroz	36	-3½		
75.50	Pict Pet	146	-1		
134.00	Premier	24½	-1½		13.3
18.60	Presidio	73	-12	9.1	
50.70	Ptdencrest Rs	88	-2		
45.40	Ranco Egy	238	-13	0.3	
388.90	Ranger	395	+2	5.3	
36,626.60	Royal Dtch Fl	6831¼	-31¼	4.7	17.8
8,408.80	Schlumberger	3453½	-78½	2.2	
6.10	Scott Pickford	52		2.2	10.0
34.90	Seafield	68	+2		
23,072.40	Shell	696	-11	4.5	21.1
3.40	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
8,692.40	Total	3818¾	-59¾	4.6	
12.90	Villers Erp	11			
1,526.70	Woodside	229	+8	1.7	
117.10	XCL	62	-7		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
15.30	BWD	80	-9	6.6	6.5
33.70	Baltic Plc	123	..	2.9	7.8
5.40	Berry Bch Nort	83		7.7	12.5
23.30	Brewin Dolphin	113	-12	6.4	8.3



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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	101⅛	-⅛	11.88	5.89
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅛	..	3.04	5.75
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅝		10.00	6.25
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	105⅝		12.05	6.40
770	Treas 14% 1996	107⅝	-⅛	12.99	6.78
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	110⅞	-⅛	13.75	7.12
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅛	-⅛	12.23	7.19
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	104⅛	-⅛	9.59	7.60
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅝	-⅛	11.97	7.76
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅛	-⅛	9.98	7.72
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅝	-⅛	8.59	8.00
830	Exch 15% 1997	117½	-⅛	12.77	8.12
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅛	-⅛	9.36	8.20
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅛	-⅛	7.45	8.17
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅛	-⅛	7.05	8.20
870	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅝		11.99	8.34
935	Treas 15½% 1998	123⅞		12.56	8.24
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	112⅛	-⅛	10.70	8.35
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	104⅛	-⅛	9.13	8.30
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
9,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅞	+⅛	10.77	8.37
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅞	+⅛	9.73	8.35
6,900	Treas 6% 1999	91⅞	-⅛	6.58	8.29
1,799	Conv 10¼% 1999	107⅛	-⅛	9.55	8.42
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	102⅞	-⅛	8.77	8.35
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119⅝	+⅛	10.87	8.52
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	106⅝	-⅛	9.38	8.53
4,350	Treas 7% 2001	92⅞	-⅛	7.57	8.44
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	106⅛	-⅛	9.16	8.56
7,850	Treas 8% 2003	96⅛	-⅛	8.26	8.50
2,509	Treas 10% 2003	108⅛	+⅛	9.21	8.57
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113⅞	+⅛	10.14	8.68
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74⅞	+⅛	4.69	7.19
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	105⅛	-⅛	8.93	8.51
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	88⅛	-⅛	7.61	8.43
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅞	+⅛	8.89	8.46
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122⅞	+⅛	10.19	8.78
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	94⅞	+⅛	8.16	8.42
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	96⅛	+⅛	8.30	8.49
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116⅞	+⅛	10.06	8.78
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	100⅛	+⅛	8.47	8.45
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129⅛	+⅛	10.43	8.80
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	104⅛	+1	8.61	8.42
LONGS (over 15 years)					
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	96⅛	+⅛	8.32	8.42
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	105⅛	+⅛	8.55	8.41
5,151	Treas 9% 2012	105⅛	+⅛	8.54	8.40
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+⅛	7.33	8.18
5,250	Treas 8% 2013	96⅛	+⅛	8.28	8.34
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93⅞	+⅛	8.25	8.35
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	104⅛	+⅛	8.41	8.33
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	131⅛	+1⅛	9.10	8.57
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41⅞	+⅛	8.36	
475	Treas 2½%	29⅛	+⅛	8.55	
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	201⅛	+⅛	2.48	3.94
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	187⅛	+⅛	2.72	3.58
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166⅛	+⅛	3.31	3.74
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛	+⅛	3.43	3.77
1,000	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	109⅛	+⅛	3.46	3.79
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅛	+⅛	3.53	3.79
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅛	+⅛	3.58	3.82
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅛	+⅛	3.60	3.83
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130⅛	+⅛	3.64	3.83
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅛	-⅛	3.67	3.84
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133⅛	+⅛	3.71	3.86
2,350	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	+⅛	3.69	3.83
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108⅛	+⅛	3.72	3.86

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
547.60	Caledonia	659	-22	3.2	16.1
55.00	Camerite	2200	-65½	1.8	5.9
16.90	Carlisle	#22¾		1.4	
162.30	Cater Allen	498	-10	7.0	10.3
192.70	Cattles▼	142	-2	4.6	15.9
9.36	Chrysalis	40			
12.30	Claymore	74		4.4	..
6.66	EF6	14		0.9	9.1
22.20	EFT Group	58		3.8	12.2
137.30	EFIB	724	-16	4.1	21.7
208.29	Exco	169	-1	6.3	9.2
372.90	Gartmore	185	-5	2.7	21.4
234.20	Gerrard Natl	481	-5	6.2	13.9
238.20	Govett	329	-13	5.5	5.5
210.70	Henderson Adt	980	-36½	5.7	13.6
457.20	Invesco	174	-2	2.7	28.6
11.60	Investment Co	42	-1	5.3	13.2
67.70	Ivory Sime	232	-11	4.0	18.1
1,964.10	Jardine Strat	208	-13½	4.0	8.3
20.40	Jonnson Fry	136	-21	1.4	
20.00	King Shaxson	115	-2	9.8	11.4
161.20	Lon Forfaiting	160		7.3	10.0
67.90	Lon Scot Bf	112		4.0	17.0
704.10	M & G	940	-55	3.7	19.7
748.60	MAI	229	-4	4.3	12.4
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	86½	-1½		
1,130.30	MAM	622	-27	4.6	14.5
16.30	Nat Home Loan	15¼	-¼	..	0.3
291.70	Perpetual	1095	-58	4.1	11.6
725.70	Provident	542	+2	4.1	17.2
49.30	Rainbow Bc	253	-4	4.2	12.5
66.70	Rothland T&T	26½		4.3	13.4
36.00	S & U	305	-7	4.5	9.9
30.30	Savefme	180	-17	6.4	6.6
328.40	Sap Capital	120	-5½	3.1	7.4
225.60	Smith New Ct	361	-17	3.5	3.0
4,197.70	Smre Pacific 'A'	432½	-36	2.2	
12.10	Towry Law	79	-6	7.1	6.8
15.00	Trio Hldgs	27		6.9	12.3
24.50	Union	92	-1	6.1	8.5
3.76	Western Selectn	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
277.70	Brit Biotech	575	-10		
38.70	Cantab Pharms	395			
160.70	Celltech	327	+5		
62.50	Chiroscience	90			
51.90	Cortecs	47			
822.40	Fisons†	119	-11	2.8	
18,971.50	Glaxo	621	+8½	5.4	15.0
69.50	Grampian Hlg	100	-2	6.9	18.5
473.00	Medeva	169	-8	2.1	13.6
4.34	Premier Health	1½			
36.40	Quality Care	260	-2	2.2	15.1
167.20	Scotia	265	-1		
11.20	Shield Diag	60			
5,797.20	SmithKline†	421	-9	3.7	16.4
5,030.40	SmithKline Uist	384	-11	4.0	15.0
5,796.20	Wellcome	667	+4	3.2	16.1
8,012.60	Zeneca	847	-11	4.1	17.0

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.90	AG Holdings	133	-1	5.3	
73.20	API	342	-5	3.1	21.5
2,124.20	Arjo Wiggins	250	-21	3.1	39.2
23.00	Aspen Coms	165		3.8	18.8
110.70	Bemrose	348	-5	4.4	12.5
79.60	Blagden	110	+1	1.7	51.4
2,255.00	Bowater	451	-8	3.6	16.9
547.40	Bowater Inc	1496¼	-146¼		
69.80	Bocmore Intl	254	-16	2.0	15.5
145.30	Br Polythenet	491	+16	3.1	17.2
5.63	Br Thornton	35	-3	21.4	3.1
169.90	Britton Gp	123	-3	2.5	18.1
690.30	Bunzl†	163	-4	3.1	19.2
42.40	Capsal Indst	153	-2	3.7	12.0
1,820.60	Carnaud Mb	2256¼	-71¾	2.1	17.5
23.70	Cropper (Jmes)	287	-7	1.5	15.0
1,916.50	De La Rue†	993	-16	2.6	18.0
6.78	Delyn Groupt	80	-2	2.6	14.5
24.60	Dolphin Pack	105		5.4	13.5
30.40	Fenway Group	95	-1	4.5	17.7
130.00	Ferguson Intl†	321	-14	5.0	12.9
16.20	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
1.74	Huntleprint	3			
82.00	Inveresk	156	+3	4.0	9.4
11.30	Jarvis Porter▼	281	-1	2.4	20.2
392.60	Low & Bonar	399	-19	3.2	15.9
48.50	MY Holdings	55	-1½	3.7	12.7
211.20	Macfarlane	263		1.9	21.2
78.50	Phya	185	-7	5.3	23.6
462.10	Portals†	712	-11	2.9	19.3
339.90	St Ives Grpt	343	-1	2.3	18.6
1,645.10	Sappi	1095½	-19	0.5	
7.80	Seril	10½	-3		
136.50	Sidlaw▲	199	-5	6.9	9.9
797.70	Smith David	512	-11	2.6	22.8
1,914.70	Smurfit (Jeff)▼	357	-2	1.5	50.7
1.94	Sotnec	97	+10	3.6	10.2
3.63	Unit Group	34			
178.80	Wace	228	-10	2.2	14.5
222.70	Waddington (J)	215	-20	5.1	10.3
278.60	Wolmough	414	+3	2.1	26.2
30.90	Wyndhamt	140	-2½	2.6	17.8

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
66.10	Allied Lont	95	-1	5.1	12.2
142.70	Argent	260	-2		
9.96	Artesian Ests	74	-2		
91.30	Asda	116	..	2.4	20.6
213.60	Bilton†	243	-3	5.0	17.7
111.00	Bolby	228	-10	3.8	16.6
3.16	Bolton Gp	17	+½		51.9
40.00	Bourne End†	72	-3	1.3	
287.00	Bradford†	199	+11½	4.3	16.8
7.70	Brightstone	110	+3	4.3	24.9
1,147.10	Br Land	374	-21	2.5	32.8
419.20	Brixton†	180	-3	5.6	16.0
264.60	Burford	89	-2	2.2	28.9
97.00	CLS Hldgs	98		6.2	..
63.80	Cap & Regnlt	140	-2	1.4	31.7
735.30	Cap Shop Ctrs	202	-1	4.0	48.6
7.88	Cardiff Prop	303	-10	1.5	45.4
81.40	Cathay Intl	29			
244.80	Chelsfield	156	-2	1.9	53.0
91.60	Chesterfield†	465	-3	3.3	20.8
45.50	Chesterton Intl	89	-1	4.6	12.5
8.77	City Site Ests	57	-2		
11.40	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.8	14.6
6.45	Compco†	77½		6.3	
35.90	Conrad Rolet GS	39	-3	2.1	26.2
208.30	Daejan	1278	-17	2.8	14.9
4.02	Dares Estates	11¼			
2.83	De Morgan	6			
41.90	Debenham Twsn	100	-2	4.4	16.2
30.40	Derecta	163		2.5	45.8
74.60	Derwent Hldgst	240	-2	2.4	21.4
57.40	Development Sec	19¼	-1¼	0.6	
23.60	Dwyer	46			
9.17	Ebco	31			
19.50	Estates Agency†	325		4.0	39.3
5.03	Estates Gen	23½	-½		
132.60	Evans Of Leeds	100	-2	3.2	17.5
27.20	Ex-Lands	24½	-1½	2.1	
28.40	Fiscal Prop	65		1.2	
25.80	Five Oaks†	26½	-½	2.4	11.2
3.91	Fletcher King	45		4.2	22.3
13.50	Folkes Group†	44	+2	4.3	
10.40	Folkes Group nvt	41	+2	4.6	23.3
221.10	Frogmore	437	-2	4.9	15.8
58.60	Gallagher	244		3.1	
566.30	Gt Portland†	175	-1	5.9	29.9
156.20	Greycoat	124	+3		
136.30	Hambro Cntyw	42	-1	0.7	42.7
928.20	Hammerson†	326	-13	3.8	32.9
53.30	Helical Bar	321	-3	2.4	11.5
49.10	Hemingway	30	-½	1.7	51.5
4.00	Herring Baker	25		5.0	
2.29	High-Point†	46	-2	1.4	
3,915.70	HK Land	145½	-15½	4.4	
15.40	Jermyn	154			77.1
3,049.80	Land Sec	598	-7	5.1	16.9
3.18	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
229.50	Lon Merch Sec	94	-3	5.8	13.8
1,623.90	MEPC	399	-4	6.3	23.0
3.91	McInerney A	6½			
42.60	McKay Secs	178	-3	3.7	17.6
11.10	Mercedes Mre	65	-2	3.8	10.0
22.20	Moorfield Est	33	-1	3.8	
57.30	Mountview	1250	+100	2.2	12.4
145.40	Mucklow (A&J)†	149	-1	5.3	19.8
13.10	ORB	1			
14.20	Olives Prop	29			10.8
169.30	PSIT	139	-1	4.2	19.7
183.50	Peel	230	-4	2.4	43.7
167.50	Pillar Prop	148	-1	3.1	
3.49	Power Corp	3			
8.51	RPS Group	71		4.6	12.8
54.50	Raglan	33	-1		8.0
31.60	Regalian	27	-½	..	6.6
20.00	Rowlenson Secs	160	-5	1.4	10.2
19.30	Rugby Est	107		2.6	
58.60	St Modwen Prp	50		3.0	12.5
61.60	Saville Gdn (J)	61	-2	5.5	17.8
21.60	Savills	57		4.9	9.2
83.90	Scot Mart	72	-2	3.5	8.4
4.62	Secure Rdore	46	+1		
45.70	Shaftesbury	94			
858.70	Slough Estates	220	-7	4.6	47.0
60.30	Southend Prop	56		5.4	
23.00	Speciy Shops	104		2.9	
24.10	Stanhope Prps	14½	-½		
46.40	TBI	36	+1		2.0
76.90	Topz Ests	166	-1	1.7	39.6
123.60	Town Centre†	120	-2	4.0	17.8
57.70	Trafford Park	85	-1	4.6	
14.10	Trenchenwood	17			
1.95	UK Land	45			
104.50	Warner	215	..	6.5	20.7
86.00	Warnford	224		4.4	18.3
2.01	Watergiade	#2			
127.00	Wates	64			
2.45	Whinney Mck	37			
5.58	Wood John D	88		3.7	
2.12	YRM	16			

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,884.30	ASDA Group	65	-¾	3.4	14.9
3,031.60	Argyll	269	-2	5.3	11.8
232.50	Brake Bros†	455	-½	2.0	16.4
40.70	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
3.70	Cullens	14	-½		
1,171.10	Dairy Farm Intl	68¾	-10	5.4	9.3
79.20	Farepak	350	+2	2.4	19.9
103.50	Fitzwilton	41		11.3	
281.90	Fyffes	100	-4	1.8	17.1
124.90	Geest†	174	-5	5.8	
118.80	Greggs	1043	-5	2.3	19.6
320.70	Greencore	383	-1	3.2	11.5
440.00	Iceland Group	160	-2	3.1	9.9
882.40	Kwik Save	570	+7	4.3	10.0
194.70	Low (Wm)	364		2.9	12.1
10.60	Merchant Retail	12½	+2		
964.70	Morrison (W)	135	-6	1.0	15.8
213.30	Nurdin Peach	166	-2	5.0	9.2
193.70	Park Foods	122	..	2.5	24.7
2.10	Regina Hlth	1½	-1		
7,334.10	Sainsbury J†	407	-14	3.3	14.4
4,891.20	Tesco†	243	-7	4.1	12.2
113.20	Thorntons†	176		3.5	14.4
159.40	Watson & Philip	376	-3	4.9	15.2

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.10	Alexon	35			
212.30	Allders	206	-5	3.7	15.4
1,029.00	Argos Plc	343	-8	3.0	18.1
185.60	Ashley (Laura)	79	-3	0.2	
116.10	Aspray	145	+1	5.3	7.1
70.10	Austin Reed†	227	-8	3.0	11.4
62.10	Beattie (J) 'A'	133	..	5.8	17.4
51.50	Bentalls	123	-1	2.0	42.6
50.60	Betterware†	49	-1	7.1	5.3
11.10	Blacks Les	35		8.2	
398.10	Body Shop†	209	+1	1.3	18.4
5,183.70	Boots†	497	-15	3.9	15.8
18.00	Brown & Jackson	2¾			
312.40	Brown (N)†	214	-11	2.5	19.0
970.30	Burton	60	-2½	3.7	32.4
23.10	Campus	153			
184.30	Carpetright	240	-5	3.6	20.1
269.90	Charles Inv	167	-2	1.5	39.5
52.20	Church	483		3.4	24.6
16.10	Clinton Cards	96	-1	6.2	13.8
17.70	City Centalst	92	+1	5.8	26.4
185.70	Courts Furnsh	790	+2	0.9	40.2
3.04	Crown Eye	190		6.2	8.3
275.20	DFS Furnituret	264		3.4	
735.40	Dixons Grp	185	-1½	4.6	19.6
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,691.40	Allied Domecq	553	-42½	5.2	12.3
202.90	Bulmer (HP)	385		3.5	22.2
70.60	Burn Stewart	119	-5	5.3	36.2
8,072.80	Grand Met	387	-27	4.3	16.8
9,197.50	Guinness	456	-10	3.6	15.0
541.00	Highland Dstl	425	-7½	2.1	19.4
243.50	Macallan-Glen	309		0.7	54.8
81.80	Macdo Mrtn 'A	706	+30	1.8	28.9
246.80	Matthew Clark▲	536	+15	4.2	12.6
10.80	Mirrylow W	89	-9	3.5	
166.30	Tauron Cdet	152	-1	5.4	11.6

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.70	ERA Gp	8½	+1	..	
18.60	Essex Furnt	163	-5	3.3	..
167.30	Etam	255	-9	3.8	14.8
344.30	Fine Art Dev	432	+1	4.1	13.4
3.76	Fired Earth	66			
13.30	Firing Flowers	73		1.8	14.1
41.10	French Conn	257	+7		10.9
160.50	Free Groupt	228	-2	3.0	23.0
13.40	Gievest	59	-1	3.2	21.1
29.20	Goldsmiths Grp	133	-3	1.8	23.8
5,472.60	GUS†	544	-20½	3.0	16.0
41.10	Hamleys†	180	-3	3.3	17.3
3.29	Hampden Grpt	22	-1	5.7	63.3
423.60	Hse of Fraser†	184½	-½	3.4	16.6
16.70	Hughes (TJ)†	81	-1	3.9	12.3
3,101.60	Kingfisher	466	-9	4.0	12.2
14.60	Heenez	105	-51	1.2	23.3
70.10	Liberty	313	-12	1.9	
375.30	Lloyds Chemt	317	-9	2.7	10.2
806.20	MFI	138½	-1½	3.6	17.3
11,096.20	Marks Spencert	398	-11½	3.0	17.7
279.10	Menzies (John)	502	-1	2.9	12.3
59.70	Moss Brost	351		3.0	13.9
931.20	Next†	250	-4½	3.4	15.3
1.59	OEM	36	-1		
33.90	Oliver (G)	85	-1		29.4
16.20	Partridge Fine	73	-2	5.0	9.9
55.40	Pentos	16½	+		
65.20	QS Hldgst	165	-½	3.9	18.7
17.60	Rhino Grp	21	-1	3.0	20.0
27.30	Rosebys	138	-2	4.3	16.1
1,605.90	Sears†	106	-3	4.4	18.9
64.50	Signet Group	22	+4	..	7.6
1,248.10	Smith WH	448	-21	4.3	23.7
252.10	Sothebys	743	-32	3.7	32.1
892.10	Storehouse	214½	-2½	3.4	18.8
51.50	Stylo	177		1.9	12.0
107.60	T & S Storest	166	-4	4.7	11.8
68.10	Tie Rack	132	-5½	1.7	15.7
2,564.90	Vendome	510	-2	1.4	39.2
42.20	WEW Groupt	29	-2	3.0	
9.76	Wid of Leather	81		1.1	
61.70	Wyevale	161	-1½	3.6	17.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
178.10	ACI Group	96	-8	7.0	9.9
955.30	ADT	688	-27		
11.30	Alphameric	42			32.0
86.10	Auto Sec	72	-2		9.3
367.60	BET Dott	103½	-1½	4.2	14.8
38.50	BNB Rest	180	-2	3.5	21.0
58.10	BPP	221	+2	5.0	15.8
37.10	BSM	133	-4	6.1	11.3
3.88	Black & Edg	4¼			
170.40	Borland	600	-50		
43.90	Bro Data Mgt	180	-1	3.8	
7.35	Brooke Servicet	61	-3	3.6	
56.40	CRT Go▼	84	-3	4.8	20.6
91.20	Capita Group	167	+1	2.1	21.3
892.20	Chubb Sec	319	-2	2.4	19.6
33.20	Compb People	230	+2	1.4	52.4
33.50	Corp Services	60	-1	0.5	22.6
17.10	Coutts Consult	51	-1	1.0	..
236.30	Davis Service	231	+7	4.4	15.5
8.26	Dudley Jenkins	69	+2	5.9	15.3
17.10	EW Fact	94	-2	6.5	7.1
37.50	El Data Prc	143	+5	1.6	13.2
1,178.50	Hays†	291		2.6	19.8
140.00	Hogg Robinson	201½	-½	4.4	14.1
11.90	Holmes Protecto	22			1.6
7.75	Ind Cm & Data	12			6.1
457.20	ISS B DN	175¾	+9¾	6.0	1.9
42.30	JBA Hldgst	128	-1	2.3	13.0
120.50	Johnson Clean	244	-4	5.5	9.9
45.30	Kalamazoo	119	-1	3.5	13.4
31.90	Kewill Sys	256	-22	3.7	9.3
3.06	Laser-Scan	19			
20.70	LBMS	95	-1		
43.80	Lep	4¼	+¼		
194.10	Logica	314	+8	2.0	22.1
127.00	MDIS	127	-4	6.2	8.9
21.40	MMT Compt	190	+1½	3.4	15.1
62.20	MR Data Mngt	112	-8	6.2	
100.30	Macro 4	440	+2	5.7	12.4
1,309.10	Manpower†	1758¾	-65¾	0.2	
127.90	Micro Focus	888	-10		10.7
44.10	Microgen	112		8.1	11.2
197.70	Misys	418	-4	2.4	
48.20	Mitie Gp	193		1.5	22.6
17.70	Novo Group▼	24	+2	1.0	
7.20	OIS Ind	24		9.9	4.5
58.60	P & P	75		3.9	18.6
67.60	Michael Page	113	+3	2.5	27.8
46.20	Parity	126	-8	2.2	32.9
9.57	Pegasus	153	...	4.1	15.4
4.00	Pennat	83		6.0	..
55.30	Proudfoot†	70		6.2	12.0
35.20	RCO	330		5.8	11.4
10.00	Radius	36	-2	1.2	..
10.60	Real Time	152		3.3	11.5
75.30	Reed Executive	147	-7	0.9	..
33.80	Reliance Sec	150	-3	3.9	
2,276.40	Rentokil	233	-4	1.6	24.0
63.30	Ricardo Groupt	143	-2	5.2	17.4
24.20	Rolfe & Nolan	200	-15	2.5	31.1
139.40	Sage Gp	667	-6	2.1	
796.70	Salvesen (C)	275	-3	3.7	14.3
29.70	Sanderson Elec	77	-1	4.6	
76.60	Select App	13½			
384.40	Serco Gp	425	-2	1.0	25.6
172.90	Serco Gp	291	-6	1.5	35.5
5.67	Shred Crap	93	-1		
62.80	Stalchtart	98	+2	4.1	16.5
38.70	Stat-Plus	180	-2	6.3	17.1
22.70	Unipalm	112			
16.60	Vistec	13½	-7	3.7	7.3
11.20	WSP Hldgs	48	-3	4.9	28.1
73.50	Warner Howrdt	309	-½	3.2	14.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23,300.20	BT	374	-17½	5.8	13.0
8,285.80	Cable Wireless	378	-19½	2.8	15.4
66.30	Fitronic Com	158	-10	0.6	53.2
60.80	Securicor	1465	-3	0.3	36.3
723.40	Securicor 'A'	942	-28	0.4	23.3
834.20	Security Serv	761	-28	1.0	24.1
5,890.10	Vodafone	193½	-14	2.0	24.8

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.23	Albion	86	-2	5.8	4.2
49.50	Alendis Wr	147		4.9	15.7
180.80	Allied Text	518	+8	3.2	15.9
2.90	Atkins	87	-8	12.2	28.4
7.94	Automagic	34			
240.50	Baird (Wm)†	211	+2½	5.3	18.0
4.64	Beckman (A)†	38	+1	11.8	
132.50	Black (Peter)	240	-12	2.3	17.2
10.10	Bridport-Gndry	101	-2	3.8	8.2
25.60	Br Mohair	193	-4	5.5	19.8
2.08	Campari	20	-4		
4.84	Cassidy Bros	85		4.0	10.9
82.50	Chamb Phipps	186	+4	5.0	23.9
168.50	Claremont Gar	312	-6	3.0	17.3
1,407.50	Coats Viyella†	202	+½	5.1	17.5
467.80	Courtauld Text	460	-11	3.9	20.7
242.30	Dawson	124	-9	3.0	..
160.30	Dewhirst (IJ)	126½	-5	1.7	17.9
4.53	Dixie Heelt	37	+1	4.7	10.8
4.95	Drummond	28		...	12.5
1.77	Elbief	14	-2		
8.53	Faupel	73	-1	8.4	12.4
16.90	Foremister	148		2.7	
2.02	Foster (John)	18			
11.20	French (Thomas)	95		4.8	18.8
27.10	Gent SR	75	-2	3.8	
18.70	Haggart	86	-4	4.4	
38.80	Hansdone	12	-½	3.3	
51.40	Helene Plc†	26	-1	9.7	10.7
53.10	Hicking Pntcst	228	-2	2.5	16.2
5.50	Honeysuckle†	66		5.7	
27.10	Horace Small	87			
17.80	Jacques Vert	187		3.0	18.5
4.30	Jerome (S)	57	-2	1.8	7.2
61.10	Jones Stroud	353		3.2	16.9
16.00	Lambert	130	-4	6.6	12.3
108.10	Lamont†	359	-4	4.4	11.9
79.80	Leeds	277	-2	2.7	14.1
22.90	Leslie Wise Gp	66	..	7.6	13.9
5.70	Lyles (S)†	79	-½	6.5	8.2
44.30	Marling	35	-½	3.3	44.8
1.92	PEX	10	-1		
14.40	Parkland†	163	-3	3.8	9.7
372.00	Pentland	103	+3	3.5	20.4
13.70	Pecards	63	-1	3.5	
119.30	Readicut	61½	-1½	7.1	10.2
11.30	Renmore	73	-1	4.9	7.6
10.10	Richards	43		8.7	
1.85	SEET	46			
97.40	Sherwood Gp	87		4.4	10.1
8.65	Shiloh†	149		3.0	9.0
52.80	Sirdar†	98		6.9	14.2
49.80	Sirling Gp	57		4.2	15.6
34.10	Strong & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
17.70	UK Safety†	46		7.1	11.3
7.88	Ustex (Frankl)	114	-2	7.7	8.7
21.50	Vinol	39	-1	4.0	10.1
7.86	Wensum	105	+1	3.4	15.3
25.10	Yorklyde†	257	-6	3.1	11.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.59	Air London†	63	..	6.9	12.0
10,274.30	All Nippon Air	712¼	+5½	0.3	..
1,060.80	Assoc Br Ports	281	+1	2.2	22.4
5,115.00	BAA†	500	-5	2.3	19.5
152.80	Badgerline	121	-1	4.2	..
3,561.20	Br Airways	375	-11	3.8	10.1
21.00	Clarkson (H)	94	-1	2.3	23.6
24.20	Dart	158	-7	3.1	16.7
1,151.00	Eurotunnel Uts	259			
12.00	Fisher (James)	50			
132.00	Forth Ports	440		2.2	20.6
82.60	GRT Bus	231	+1	2.1	17.9
52.70	Go-Ahead	158	-2	3.2	19.6
103.30	Goode Durrant	192	-1	3.9	15.1
41.70	IoM Steam	139	+1	4.0	10.6
19.40	Jacobs (J)	65	-3	3.2	..
60.70	Lon D'Seas Frts	83		5.8	1.9
336.10	Mersey Docks	376	..	3.1	18.2
1,205.60	NFC†	174	-1	5.1	28.1
116.40	Natl Express	296	-10	3.3	17.1
408.60	Ocean Group	265	-1	6.8	13.4
25.80	Ocean Wlsont	85	+2	6.2	9.4
3,672.20	P & O Dfd†	610	-29	6.2	18.9
137.90	P & O 5.5%	207	+1	3.3	
24.00	Seacon	97	-1	3.0	22.0
313.90	Stagecoach	215	-1	2.4	21.4
647.60	TNT	114	-1		
313.80	Tibbet & Britn	710	-13	2.6	18.2
43.20	Tiphook	39	-1		
308.70	TDG	209	-16	5.7	14.0
31.00	Ugland†	128	+¼	2.3	
31.80	Utd Carriers	94	-1	2.1	

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,410.40	Anglian†	476	-29	6.2	10.8
53.50	Mid Kent Hldgs	313		4.6	10.6
1,983.80	North West	529	-25	5.7	7.8
476.70	Northumbrian†	687	-23½	4.6	7.5
1,931.30	Severn Trent	535	-33	5.3	7.5
187.50	South Staffs	1848	+40	3.7	12.1
603.50	South West	479	-22	7.0	6.9
956.00	Southern	566	-22	5.1	8.2
1,921.50	Thames†	484	-10	6.0	7.3
897.10	Welsh	617	-46	5.4	6.7
743.70	Wessex	295	-19	5.0	7.8
1,024.10	Yorkshire	510	-28	5.9	7.4

Source: Finstat

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: *Cantab Pharm* (Q3), Edinburgh Income Tst, European Motor Hldngs, Field Gp, Fleming Far Eastern Inv, Hadleigh Inds, Philip Harris, Hewitt Gp, Hogg Robinson, Independent Parts Gp, JLI Gp, Lister & Co, Marling Inds, Merrydown, NEC Corp, Chr Salvesen, Shield Diagnostics. **Finals:** Dominion Energy, Fgn & Col Pep Inv Tst, OEM, Prospect Inds, Rodime, Sidlaw Gp. **Economic statistics:** Major British banking groups' mortgage lending (Oct).

TOMORROW

Interims: Abtrust Lloyd's Ins Tst, Avesco, BDA Hldngs, Borthwicks, Carnell, EBC Traded Currency, Falcon, Hampson Ind, Leigh Ints, Marston Thompson & Evershed, Monks Inv Tr, Neepsend, Policy Portfolio, Severn Trent, Shanks & McEwan, Tops Estates. **Finals:** Murray Enterprise, Tunstall Gp. **Economic statistics:** The Budget, purchasing managers survey (Nov).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Argyll Gp, British Biotech, Cape, Dawson Intnl, Evans of Leeds, GEI Intnl, Mountview Estates, Oglesby & Butler, Regent Corp, Trifast, Verson Intl, Wainhomes. **Finals:** Dead Sea Works, Enviromed, Fleming Indian Inv, Govett High Income, Jupiter European IT, Quadramatic, Sanderson Electronics. **Economic statistics:** Economic trends (Nov), monthly digest of stats (Nov).

THURSDAY

Interims: AAH, Alba, Anglian Gp, Azlan Gp, BPB Industries, Castings, Cater Allen, GRT Bus Gp, Gibbon Lyons, Mercury European Privatisation, Rowlinson Secs, Seeboard, 3i Gp. **Finals:** Celltech Gp, Grand Met, Hanson, Leeds Gp, MEPC, Metro Radio, Royal Bank of Scotland. **Economic statistics:** Share register survey report (1993), Welsh local government financial stats (1994).

FRIDAY

Interims: Brown & Tawse, Scott Pickford, Vendome Luxury, VTech Hldngs. **Finals:** Henderson Strata Inv Tst, Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. **Economic statistics:** Official reserves (Nov).

COMPANIES  PHILIP PANGALOS

Mixed picture at Christian Salvesen

CHRISTIAN SALVESEN: The distribution, specialist hire and food services group, is expected to paint a mixed profits performance when it reports interim figures today.

NatWest Securities is looking for interim pre-tax profits to climb to £42.5 million (£41.1 million), with an improved dividend of 3.45p (3.3p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £40 million to £42.5 million.

Analysts say that setbacks at Vikoma, LSD, Aggreko's UK manufacturing and a flat performance in food services will take the shine off strong performances from Aggreko Europe, the bricks division and Swift Distribution.

SEVERN TRENT: Analysts expect Severn Trent to continue the pattern of generous dividend payments from water companies when it reports interim figures on Budget day. UBS expects core revenue growth of 6 per cent to help to drive interim pre-tax profits ahead by 9 per cent to £160 million (£146.9 million), with the dividend forecast to rise to 8.2p (7.55p). Non-core activities should also improve, with the Biffa waste management subsidiary expected to lift profits as a result of improving landfill prices.

SEEBOARD: The company kicks off the reporting season for the regional electricity companies on Thursday and will set the pace with what is expected to be a large improvement in the half-year payout. NatWest has pencilled in a leap in the interim dividend to 3.99p (3.3p), on pre-tax profits of £42 million (£36 million).

ARGYLL GROUP: Argyll, the food retailer that runs the Safeway supermarket chain, is expected to show a small rise in half-year profits on Wednesday, though the group may be finding sales growth difficult in a time of low food inflation and severe competition in the food retailing sector. However, analysts expect Argyll results will have been helped by a bounce back in gross margins at Safeway, which accounts for over 80 per cent of group profits, and tight cost controls which will have helped operating profit margins.

Interim pre-tax profits are expected to advance to between £199 million and £219 million, against a revised £195.2 million last time, with a dividend of 3.9p to 4p (3.75p) predicted. Attention will focus on sales trend, especially into the second half.

DAWSON INT: Sir Ronald Miller, chairman of Dawson International, the Edinburgh-based textiles group best known for its Pringle sweaters and Ballantyne knitwear brands, should provide evidence that the group is well placed for recovery after reorganisation.

First-half pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, should show an advance to £15 million, against £9.2 million last time, according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £14 million to £15 million. An improved interim dividend of at least 1.5p (1.44p) is predicted.

Dawson has suffered one of the worst years in its history. The full impact of the group's costly foray into America became apparent in May when it unveiled a provision-driven £95.4 million loss for the year to March 31 and a surprise £45 million rights issue. The loss followed the group's decision to close its loss-making fleece and jersey operations in America.

Attention this time will focus on what the company has to say about the outlook, especially on subjects such as cashmere prices and Epos, with the group expected to be well placed for profitable growth in the future.

GRAND METROPOLITAN: Full-year figures from the food and drinks giant are likely to show higher annual profits in line with its earlier trading statement, but attention will focus on the details of the group's announced restructuring.

The group said in September that it would make a £280 million charge for restructuring, largely to its IDV drinks unit and European food operation, and added that it expected underlying annual profits before exceptionals to show an improvement. Analysts expect final pre-tax profits before exceptionals to climb to between £890 million and £970 million (£916 million). A dividend of 13.7p-14p (13p) is predicted.

HANSON: Improving UK and US economic conditions should provide a boost for Hanson, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate. The group's coal-mining interests should be up when it reports on Thursday, because of the ending of a protracted strike at Peabody. NatWest Securities expects good performances from chemicals and aggregates to help Hanson to lift final pre-tax profits to £980 million (£978 million). Market forecasts range from £910 million to £1 billion, though overall annual pre-tax profits could rise by 30 per cent to £1.34 billion, boosted by £340 million of disposal gains. A dividend of 11.85p-12p (11.4p) is forecast. Higher debt charges will also feature, after buying Quantum Chemical last year.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND: Falling bad debts, a stunning performance from Direct Line and a £52 million exceptional gain on the disposal of the stake in 3i Group should help RBoS report a surge in full-year profits on Thursday.

Direct Line announced last week it had doubled profits to £110 million.

This should help to push the bank's pre-tax profits to £513 million (£258 million), with a dividend of 13p (11p), says NatWest Securities. Forecasts are from £485 million to £530 million.



Sir Ronald Miller driving Dawson out of the bunker and back on the fairway

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Chill winds and squalls

The multimillion-pound question for London's markets is whether tomorrow's Budget can provide a large enough boost to confidence to counter the chill winds blowing from Wall Street. Many Wall Street traders were absent from the market on Friday, taking the opportunity of a four-day weekend after Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday, but they return en masse today. Last week's massive falls on Wall Street could be followed by more selling.

For the London markets, the early part of the week will be dominated by today's vote on British contributions to European Union finances. Although the Government is expected to win against its own rebels, the infighting and talk of a leadership challenge to the Prime Minister will make for nervous trading ahead of the Budget tomorrow.

The most difficult task for the Chancellor will be to exceed already high expectations. Kenneth Clarke is expected to cut public spending control totals by £6 billion or more and to announce a sharply lower forecast for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for next year. Expectations in the City are now for a PSBR for fiscal 1995 as low as £20 billion.

No sooner than the Budget is over, attention is likely to turn once again to developments in America. US third-quarter gross domestic product figures are released on Wednesday amid expectations that growth will be revised upwards from 3.4 per cent to 3.7 per cent.

On Thursday, traders will be looking at US October personal consumption figures and the November survey from the National Association of Purchasing Management for signs of inflationary pressure. Most important, however, will be Friday's November employment report. Markets are forecasting a rise in the non-farm payroll of 239,000, compared with an increase of 194,000 in October.

JANET BUSH

The Sunday Times: **Buy:** BBA Group, Williams Holdings, DCC, Grampian Holdings, Saatchi & Saatchi. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy:** TI, DCC, Field, United Biscuits; **Sell:** Country Casuals. *The Independent on Sunday:* **Buy:** Barclays, Northern Leisure, DCC, Marston Thompson; **Sell:** MEPC. *Observer:* **Buy:** Allied Domecq, Enviromed, Lowndes Lambert; **Sell:** Macdonald Martin.

Public-sector balance may be on horizon

GILT-EDGED

When the Chancellor rises to deliver the Budget tomorrow, he will be in a position envied by many past occupants of 11 Downing Street.

Inflation has turned out lower than expected, the current account is improving, growth is established and the PSBR is falling. The critical question for the gilt market is whether this position can be maintained.

To achieve the objective of steady growth and low inflation, it will be necessary for the Government to tighten policy more than has been announced. The preferred route is a base rate rise, because fiscal policy is already set to become more restrictive. Even though the gilt market expects a dull Budget, it may well be favourably surprised by the significant medium-term reduction in both the PSBR and public spending. The sting in the tail may be that the lower PSBR projections will be seen as a sign of tax cuts in the next Budget, but, even adjusting for these, public finances will look in pretty good shape.

The 1995-96 PSBR projection is expected to fall to £22 billion, and the medium-term outlook will also improve substantially. The borrowing requirement projection for 1997-98 could be as low as zero. One thing that may worry some is that the improvement in public finances may be seen as a precursor to tax cuts next year. However, we do not think that this is a major threat.

Even adjusting for a £5 billion tax cut (which would be more than enough to cut the basic rate of income tax by 2p), the Government's finances would still be looking in better shape than they did in last year's Budget. Treasury projections have the borrowing requirement falling to £2 billion by 1998-99. Even with a substantial tax cut in next year's Budget, the borrowing requirement from 1996-97 onwards would still be substantially lower than expected in last year's Budget.

In spite of the Government revising down the projections for the PSBR and expenditure, the Budget should not be interpreted as a tightening of policy. Most of this reduction is due to, first, the effects of lower than expected inflation feeding through into slower expenditure growth and, second, higher tax receipts as a result of stronger activity.

This will be a cyclical improvement, rather than evidence of a more restrictive policy. The Government does not have the scope to squeeze fiscal policy any more, because tax increases already effected are dampening consumption and there are still further tax rises to come.

However, we think that macroeconomic policy does need to be tightened. This should come from monetary policy. According to our calculations, if the Government does not pursue a more restrictive policy, its inflation target of 4 per cent would be breached in 1996. M0, commodity prices and GDP growth are all uncomfortably strong for a low-inflation economy.

On top of this, there is a much stronger reason to increase official short-term interest rates. Given the UK's track record, it is much better to raise interest rates and make sure that there is no inflation in the system, rather than allow inflation to build up by pursuing policies that are too easy. The risks are asymmetric. It would take many years to correct a policy that was too lax. If inflation is allowed to exceed 4 per cent, it would take many years of restrictive policy to regain lost credibility. A policy that is too restrictive could be reversed more easily. We therefore think that it is important for the Government to act sooner rather than later and we look for base rates to increase in January 1995, rising to 6.75 per cent by the middle of the year.

The gilt market's outperformance in recent weeks is based on sound fundamentals. Long positions into the Budget may well have discounted a lower PSBR and public spending growth next year, but the medium-term projections are likely to come as a surprise. Looking into next year, rallies at the long end are likely as the favourable funding position becomes clear. However, any immediate domestic enthusiasm may be tempered by international conditions.

SANJAY JOSHI AND KATY PETERS
Daiwa Europe Ltd

British companies 'could save $230bn' on global sourcing

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BRITAIN'S top companies could save up to $230 billion over the next three years by increasing their commitment to global sourcing, a survey of the top 300 manufacturing companies has revealed.

More than two-thirds expect global sourcing for components and materials to cut costs by as much as 20 per cent, according to the survey by A.T. Kearney, the US management consultancy.

While the survey showed that 97 per cent of respondents believed that global sourcing would yield savings over the next three years, it also revealed that a large proportion of companies are failing to implement it fully.

Most purchasing directors saw global sourcing as good for their companies, though 48 per cent failed to see the benefit. Many companies showed a poor long-term commitment to international purchasing, mostly citing the lack of staff language skills as a factor. The dynamic Asia-Pacific region was seen by 59 per cent of purchasing directors as offering the best savings potential, even though transportation and logistics often make it less attractive than regions closer to home.



General Motors — an early beneficiary of global sourcing

Earlier research by A.T. Kearney, the company that guided the dramatic reduction of procurement costs at General Motors, the world's biggest automotive group, showed that regions such as South Wales and Central Europe offered greater sourcing economies than Asia.

Malcolm Graveling, vice-president at A.T. Kearney, said British companies had to understand that global sourcing meant the "most efficient source of supplies, not the lowest-cost suppliers". He said many companies still planned their purchasing strategies on a one-year basis, while real strategies required substantially longer-term planning.

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Rentokil scores top marks with directors

By Neil Bennett, Deputy Business Editor

RENTOKIL, the environmental services group, has been voted the most admired company in Britain in a survey of directors from 260 of the country's largest companies.

It scored top marks in nine categories, ranging from quality of management to financial strength and environmental responsibility, pushing Glaxo, the survey's previous winner, into second place.

The result of the survey, by the magazine, *Management Today*, and Loughborough University, is likely to stun company chiefs since Rentokil has defeated a host of other admired companies, such as Marks and Spencer, Reuters, and Cadbury Schweppes.

The group's success has come after a decade of strong growth that has transformed it from a small pest-control business into a £2.3 billion service group.

The survey selected ten companies from 26 industrial sectors and then asked their directors which of their competitors they admired most. Rentokil came top of the business services sector in eight out of nine categories, although it was pushed into second place by Chubb Security on the quality of its products and services.

Glaxo lost its top place following the pricing pressures suffered by the pharmaceuticals industry in the past two years. Similar pressures pushed two other well-known companies out of the top ten — Guinness, which slid from fourth to 13th position, and J Sainsbury, down from eighth to 16th.

Two smaller but rapidly growing companies made the top ten list for the first time. Electrocomponents, the component distributor, appeared from nowhere to take eighth place, while Bowthorpe, the electronics conglomerate, came in tenth.

At the bottom of the table came Queen's Moat Houses, the troubled hotels group, and Lonrho, although the survey was completed before Tiny Rowland was ousted from the company.

The survey showed, predictably, that financial difficulties can destroy a company's reputation. The company that fell most in the survey was Bleinheim, the exhibitions group, which slid from 80 to 256 after last year's profit warning. Hostile bids can also hurt a company's standing. Enterprise Oil slumped from 79 to 222, and is now only marginally ahead of Lasmo, the target of its bid earlier this year.

Some of the greatest rises were awarded to companies that have pulled through the recession well, including British Steel, up from 189 to 54.

Clive Thompson, chief executive of Rentokil, was delighted with the result. "To be elected number one by our peers is the highest compliment which could be paid," he said.

MOST ADMIRED COMPANIES

1994	1992	Company
1	3	Rentokil
2	1	Glaxo Holdings
3	6	Marks and Spencer
4	9	SmithKline Beecham
5	2	Unilever
6	5	Reuters Holdings
7	14	Cadbury Schweppes
8	-	Electrocomponents
9	7	Shell Transport
10	-	Bowthorpe
11	30	Pearson
12	23	Vodafone
13	4	Guinness
14	-	Chubb Security
15	90	Land Securities
16	8	J. Sainsbury
17	50	Emap
18	38	Smiths Industries
19	32	S G Warburg
20	40	Schroders

Source: Management Today and Loughborough College



Clive Thompson, chief executive, said that to be elected number one was the highest compliment that could be paid

Bid deadline for £400m gas pipeline

COMPANIES seeking a stake in a new £400 million gas pipeline between the Norfolk coast and Zeebrugge in Belgium must declare their intentions formally today, the deadline set by the Interconnector Study Group (Colin Narbrough writes).

Sir Geoffrey Chipperfield, head of the ISG, will today open letters from more than a dozen companies. The sponsor companies behind ISG — British Gas, BP, Conoco, Elf, Statoil, Norsk Hydro and Distrigaz — are all set to take stakes in the capacity of the pipeline, other potential participants have yet to be named.

The 238-kilometre interconnector will link Britain to the continental gas grid for the first time. The pipeline, which is to have an annual capacity of 15 billion cubic metres, is expected to be commissioned in October 1998.

Goldman staff bonuses cut

By Our Deputy Business Editor

GOLDMAN Sachs has cut staff bonuses this year by almost three-quarters after one of the most disastrous trading years in its history. It is thought to have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in the bond markets.

The investment bank closed its books for its financial year last night after undergoing a radical cost-cutting programme to protect its capital base and reduce the effects of its bond trading losses.

Goldman never publishes its figures, but the full effects of the market slump on its balance-sheet will become clear early next year in the regulatory filings it makes in several jurisdictions around the world. Last week it told employees that its worldwide bonus pool is being cut from 30 per cent of its total salary bill to just 8 per cent. While executives in profitable corporate finance businesses can expect healthy bonuses, many of those on the trading floors will receive little or nothing.

Goldman has already shed an estimated 5 per cent of its 9,500 worldwide employees, including 90 in London.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BA increases share in Air Mauritius

BRITISH Airways has increased its stake from 12.7 to 13.2 per cent in Air Mauritius, the state-owned airline with which it is in direct competition on the increasingly popular Indian Ocean route. It used British Airways Associated Companies Ltd to snap up unwanted Air France shares.

Last week, 20 per cent of Air Mauritius was floated on the island's stock exchange, with 16.74 per cent of its shares being offered to local investors and a further 3.26 going to the airline's employees. The airline has remained profitable by pursuing a policy of high fares and limiting competition. It now has more than 60 per cent of the island's air passenger market.

Final fight by Attwoods

ATTWOODS, the waste management company, begins a final round of presentations to American investors today in an effort to thwart a £391 million hostile takeover bid by Browning-Ferris Industries. The bid concludes on Friday at midnight London time. Attwoods's future will effectively be settled by two US institutional investors — FRM Corp, which holds 11 per cent, and Franklin Resources, with 14 per cent, which still have to declare their position.

Airport block planned

TWENTY-FOUR thousand workers employed by Iberia, Spain's technically bankrupt state airline, plan to blockade all Spanish airports today, and ground crews that service other airlines are threatening a series of wildcat strikes. The protests are over plans to dismiss 5,220 employees and sell its various subsidiaries. Yesterday, the three leading unions, representing pilots and other employees, demanded a joint meeting with Iberia's management.

Bahrain hotel for Forte

FORTE, the hotels and restaurants group that recently bought the international luxury Meridien hotels chain for £217 million, has formally opened its first Meridien hotel in Bahrain. Forte says Le Royal Meridien Bahrain, which has 234 rooms and 32 suites and is claimed to be the most modern and luxurious hotel in the country, brings the total number of rooms available in the Forte Grand / Meridien Middle East portfolio to 4,229, at 15 hotels in eight countries.

IoD targets top executives' pay



Melville-Ross: initiative

By Janet Bush

THE Institute of Directors aims to produce a report early next year with the issue of pay for top executives at the top of the priority list.

The initiative is backed by Tim Melville-Ross, the institute's director-general. The institute is also examining three-year rolling contracts, which have allowed dismissed executives to claim large pay-offs, and whether share options are an effective way to remunerate directors.

A spokesman for the institute said that the organisation believes that companies should be open in disclosing pay awards to directors and duty-bound to fully justify them to shareholders.

This is close to the view of Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of the Cadbury committee on corporate governance. At the weekend, he called for remuneration committees to explain how they reach their conclusions on executive pay and spell out the relationship between pay and performance.

Kleinwort joins forces to create French bank

By Philip Pangalos

KLEINWORT Benson, the merchant bank, has joined forces with prominent French investors to create a joint venture investment bank based in Paris to look after French corporate finance and investment management.

Kleinwort Benson, Gimar et Cie (KBG) will be owned by Kleinwort Benson, which will be a majority shareholder, and several leading French institutions. It will carry out the full range of investment banking activities. The venture requires capital of about only Fr60 million to be invested at first. Sir Michael Jenkins, a Kleinwort Benson director, said: "We hope this rather novel concept of bringing in minority shareholders, who are themselves corporate, will lead to the creation of more revenue and bring in more business."

He said that the venture would focus on cross-border merger and acquisition work as well as the forthcoming French privatisations, where, up to now, British banks have not done too well.

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Finland Mkk	8.09	7.39
France Fr	8.84	8.14
Germany Dm	2.58	2.37
Greece Dr	395.00	370.00
Hong Kong $	12.71	11.71
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	168.00	152.00
Malta	0.615	0.560
Netherlds Gld	2.873	2.643
Norway Kr	11.24	10.44
Portugal Esc	259.00	240.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.26
Spain Pta	210.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.24	11.44
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
Turkey Lira	refer	55200.0
USA $	1.658	1.528

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

JOUAL
(a) Uneducated or dialectal Canadian French considered as debased or inferior by educated French Canadians, characterised by regional pronunciations, non-standard grammar, and often, especially in cities, by numerous English words and syntactical arrangements. Dialectal Canadian French for *cheval* a horse. "There are six million Canadians whose native language is French, but much of what they say would be baffling to a Parisian because many of them speak a patois known as Joual, its name drawn from the way some rural people in Quebec pronounce the word *cheval* or horse."

MACLURA
(b) A deciduous North American tree, *Maclura pomifera*, of the genus so called, belonging to the family Moraceae and bearing an inedible fruit resembling an orange; the Osage orange or bow-wood. Eponym from Willian Maclure (1763-1840), American geologist. "The division of the prairies into twenty-acre lots, by the dense hedges of maclura."

HODAD
(c) Somebody who annoys surf-riders while they surf, origin obscure. "Hodad is a much misunderstood word. Basically, it is a double contraction from the American slang word *hood*, which in turn comes from *hoodlum*." [I do not believe this folk etymology.]

KORU
(a) A common motif in Maori carving and tattooing, consisting of a spiral pattern terminating in a bulb, from the Maori word. "In tattoo it was also customary to incise a koru type of design on the centre of the forehead."

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5630 (-0.0055)
German mark
2.4362 (-0.0020)
Exchange index
79.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2323.3 (-83.7)
FT-SE 100
3033.5 (-97.5)
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GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Tomorrow's Budget is widely forecast to be predictable. What else could forecasters predict? They mean that there is not much argument about the Budget judgment, the bottom line that measures any net change in the tax burden. And that judgment, it is presumed, will be austere, concentrating the fiscal benefits of recovery on cutting government borrowing — by fair means or foul. But macro-economic stodge need not make the Chancellor's efforts depressing or sleep-inducing. Far from it. The less he has to worry about "taking back" or "giving away" the people's money, the more time he has to play tunes on the tax system to answer lobbyists' prayers, to pander to low populism or even to improve the workings of the economy.

No Budget would, for instance, be complete without a raft of measures to help smaller businesses, however pointless most of them turn out to be in retrospect. Business organisations seem united in favour of allowing 100 per cent first-year tax allowances on the first £200,000 of capital investment. Why not allow this harmless new distortion? Business would doubtless be happy to fund the concession via cuts in allowances further up the scale.

The savings industry is forming its usual orderly queue for further concessions. Investment institutions want the privileges of personal equity plans extended to holdings of gilt-edged stock and long-term loans raised by British companies. Peps would become Pips (personal investment plans). Building societies want to make deposit tax shelters, or Tessas, comparable to Peps by removing the absolute ceiling on the amount of money in the accounts. Customers could then make annual deposits into Tessas indefinitely. The cost of placating the savings industry could be paid for by further limits on tax deductions for pension contributions at the top end of the scale, slightly easing tax bias on savings. In a contest, Pip scores over Tessa by helping to cut the long-term rate of interest and to encourage long-term fixed-rate borrowing and lending.

Populism need not mean doling out tax concessions. Regional electricity companies, which already have more cash than they can invest, will earn another big windfall from the planned £4.5 billion flotation of their stakes in the National Grid. The Chancellor might as well skim it off. No matter that much of the proceeds might otherwise go to customers. In hairshirt mode, the last thing he wants is to put money into people's pockets.

The postbags of newspapers and politicians suggest that Kenneth Clarke would earn more cheers, and votes, by being nasty to the rich, particularly company directors. The recent furore stems in part from Labour sniping at privatised utilities, blaming pay rises, however illogically, on the Government. But there is general distaste with rising pay differentials, vast pay packages, easy money from options, and privileged contracts.

A minimalist gesture would be to remove the income tax concession on executive share options. This would be pointless, raising hardly any revenue and having little impact on directors' option plans, but would sound tough. The Chancellor could steal Labour's clothes by imposing a new 50 per cent top tax rate on the highest incomes. The climate has shifted so far, that would be popular among most Conservatives. But that might better be left to long-term reform of income tax and national insurance, which is easier to do when the total tax burden can be cut.

Letters to *The Times* suggest that thinking people are more concerned about two cases of double standards. Directors' pay zooms ahead while employees are urged to accept pay cuts or rises below the nominal rise in national income. And smiling company bosses earn profit-related bonuses by announcing mass redundancies, or, as they prefer to call it, "reductions in the headcount". Such mismatches between private incentives and economic benefits can properly be corrected by changes in corporation tax.

Why not take up a subtle suggestion made on our letters page on November 23. Oliver Barratt argued that, instead of levying corporation tax at a flat rate of 33 per cent, the rate should be varied in proportion to the difference between the average and highest pay of full-time company personnel. This looks a canny financial signal to counter directors' ability to set each others' pay. If the Treasury suspects hidden flaws in such lateral thinking, as it always does, the Chancellor could, at least, announce a consultation exercise for next year's Budget.

My own preference is to redress tax bias in the market for labour via corporation tax on profits. Employers' National Insurance Contributions add to the costs of employing people, in part to finance the cost of unemployment caused by big companies shedding jobs and failing to create new ones. This gives a strong tax incentive to minimise employment. Why not shift this burden and improve incentives? Raise the general rate of corporation tax, say to 40 per cent. Companies that increase employment, or at least do not cut jobs, could then be taxed at the lower rate applied to smaller companies, which supposedly create the new jobs.

This would be a first step towards abolishing the jobs tax. The Employment Policy Institute suggests that this could be achieved by raising the £24 billion instead from continuing rises in petrol taxes once the Chancellor has used these to cut the Budget deficit. Such an anti-pollution tax is normally seen as a guaranteed vote loser. But if the combined effect was to create 500,000 extra jobs in ten years, as institute research projects, cheers should outweigh boos. Public finances aside, that is surely what the next three Budgets will be all about.

Philip Bassett explains why work is a key word in tomorrow's Budget

Era of job subsidies has arrived

Even with unemployment falling, Chancellors seem to have little choice but to present their annual financial statement as a "Budget for jobs", and Kenneth Clarke's Budget tomorrow is being touted as just that.

Why? Principally, because though unemployment is now falling consistently, the failure of this fall to translate into jobs — particularly when it is accompanied by still disproportionately high levels of long-term unemployment — is still eating into economic and, therefore, political confidence. For the much-sought feel-good factor to stand any chance of returning, a Budget for jobs it will have to be.

One of the difficulties in achieving that, though, will be the cuts in the Government's training spending, which all sides expect the Budget to include. The Government's principal training programme for the adult unemployed, Training for Work, could be cut by up to a third. Leaders of Britain's private-sector-led Training and Enterprise Councils are bracing themselves for the large-scale changes in their operations that such a funding cut would imply.

To help sweeten that pill, though, the Budget is now expected to include further moves to improve incentives for the unemployed to take on lower-paid jobs. This is based around the notion of "welfare-to-work", first promulgated by President Clinton during his election campaign and successfully adapted here by Labour leader Tony Blair.

Any new welfare-to-work initiative brought forward by Mr Clarke would strengthen the increasing operational links between Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, who are already closely combining on a new Bill to replace the current unemployment and income support benefits for the unemployed with a new, single job seeker's allowance. Welfare-to-work proposals advanced by the CBI, among others, include a national insurance contributions holiday for employers hiring from the ranks of the long-term unemployed, and changes to the benefit system including an extension of family credit as a means of making work more attractive than benefit.

But it is the idea of job subsidies that is proving increasingly attractive, and which may be given further support in the Budget. This could be achieved by an extension of the pilot schemes that the Government has been running since being announced by Mr Clarke last year. These are aimed at testing out the idea of providing money to employers to hire in the very long-term unemployed.



The jobcentre is well established, but increasing attention is being paid to job subsidies

Like all labour market measures, job subsidies have their adherents and opponents. Those against attack the job substitution effects, charging that employers will simply take the offer of free money to hire someone, and either fire or not hire someone else who does not attract a subsidy. Those in favour insist that the employer culture must be altered, and the idea of a "bribe" for employers, as employment minister Ann Widdecombe engagingly described it last week to the Commons' employment select committee, is the only practicable way forward.

The Government has been attempting to evaluate such ideas in pilot programmes, called Workstart, which offer employers a subsidy of £60 a week for six months, and then £30 a week for the next six months, for every long-term unemployed person they hire. Four areas — Tyneside, Devon and Cornwall, East Kent and south London and south-west London — are being used for the pilots, with the last two offering subsidies for those unemployed for more than two and more than four years respectively. The pilot schemes are small, covering only 1,000 people so far, and have been attacked by opponents as a further UK move towards US-style workfare, but they have been extended to run until the end of next month, and may well in tomorrow's Budget be widened and extended again.

Preliminary evaluations of how they have been working will be published in the new year. But with the Budget looming, initial judgements needed to be made, and these are showing a considerable degree of success.

The Employment Department is clear: "Evidence so far suggests that Workstart encouraged employers to recruit very long-term unemployed people when they would not otherwise have done." According to the first evaluations, 43 per cent of participating employers said they would have been unlikely to have recruited a long-term unemployed person without the scheme, while only 23 per cent say that recruiting from such a source had been normal practice.

What is pleasing ministers, though — and what will lie behind any Budget extension of the programme — is what seems to be a significant shift in employers' attitudes as a result of the scheme. As many as three-fifths of those surveyed for the unpublished study say that future recruitment of the long-term unemployed is now possible or likely, even with no subsidy. As many as 83 per cent are indicating that they intend to keep on Workstart participants after the subsidy period is over.

While other results are less encouraging (for instance, only 17 per cent of the vacancies filled by Workstart participants were created as a direct result of the subsidy, leading Whitehall officials to conclude that as expected, job creation itself would not be a principal effect), such conclusions even from small-scale pilots are significant evidence for those who believe job subsidies are the way forward.

For most employers, though, the problem is the level of the subsidy is often simply too small. In order to take part, the subsidy has to be worth the company's while. That's why a number of employers are interested in the job subsidy proposal put forward by Labour in its Budget submission, which shadow Employment Secretary Harriet Harman says would if implemented offer a job for every one of the 300,000 people who every year reach the unenviable position of being unemployed for longer than two years. Labour has so far not published detailed costings of its proposal. It would offer employers taking on someone unemployed for more than two years a weekly tax rebate of £75 — a high figure in job subsidy terms.

In his Budget tomorrow, Mr Clarke is unlikely to adopt such a proposal, but the fact that such proposals are generating employer interest, and that the Workstart pilot seems likely to be extended, suggests that even with unemployment coming down, the idea of job subsidies — much favoured in the US — could be finding their moment in Britain.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Goodnight Vienna



TODAY'S three-line whip for the European Finance Bill will see Richard Needham, the trade minister, racing back from a trade mission to Vienna where he has been convincing the Austrians that they should buy British. He was due to stay until late tomorrow "doing what a trade minister is supposed to do. We already sell £900 million or so a year — our 26th-largest market". Austria, Needham adds, stands at the hinge to Central Europe and he is trying to get British companies to partner Austrian firms as one way of getting more British business into Eastern Europe. But he'll catch BA's late afternoon flight from Vienna to London — in plenty of time to vote at 10.30pm. The daily round of parliamentary business, Needham says, interferes too much with the work he does as a minister. "The minister of trade's job is to be *outside* the country. But this European contributions Bill is very important for the Government and I have no alternative but to come back to vote." Generally, he tries to organise trips in such a way, and in advance, that he doesn't have to come back to vote. "I think this is one of the few times when I have been called back."

Wall art

YOU'VE heard of "off the wall". Now comes "on the wall". Investors in convenience stores chain Cullens should be heartened to know that management puts every possible spare inch to use at The Gallery, Cullens' new outlet in London's Kensington Church Street, in an effort to improve profitability per sq cm. The walls of the downstairs restaurant are given over to artistes whose works can be viewed, and bought, as diners move from smoked salmon and caviar with a vodka shot at £8.50 through to fruit crumbles with custard at £2.95. First "on the wall" are photographic works by Russian-born Sasha Gusov at prices up to £250. Meanwhile, if any artist has his own ladder and is in creative mood, I did notice that the ceiling was free ...

Flat-out protest

MORE than 1,000 Bell Atlantic phone company workers — many facing the sack — were suspended for two days and docked pay for wearing a T-shirt that depicted them as a squashed hedgehog on the information superhighway. The company was portrayed as a truck. Management says the T-shirt is defamatory. The union says the US constitution guarantees the right to freedom of expression.

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

Prisoners of the mind

The Monday Play: Marked for Place. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Creative imagination being what it is, this play could conceivably have been written by someone who knew nothing of prison life, either as inmate or visitor. But would it have been as penetratingly written as it has been by Ronan Bennett? He spent some time behind bars, so I have to accept that the authenticity of the punitive system he describes cannot be doubted. *Marked for Place* is not, however, principally about physical incarceration. It uses prison as a reflection of the steel doors we erect in our attitudes to others. Its central character, an Irish inmate (David Herthly), is anger incarnate. For men like him, the idea of the happy ending would be the optimistic concept of a fool.

Are You Still Awake? *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*

Not a bad idea at all: every night, for five nights, a 15-minute two-hander with real-life acting couples playing make-believe couples. Russell Davies is the writer of what are — literally — bedtime stories. I enjoyed tonight's launching playlet in which Timothy West and Prunella Scales are a wartime husband and wife, sleepless in their Anderson shelter during the Blitz. Initially, the mood is playful, with a heavily bandaged husband recounting his experience of falling into a hole. The mood darkens when the wife describes what she found in some air-raid rubble. Reality, a rare commodity in the couple's lives, arrives with a vengeance.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier, including at **3.45** Superman Doomsday and Beyond **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Shuttleworth's Showtime **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score: from Ronnie Scott's Club, London **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

Midnight Test Match Special: Australia v England in the fourth day of the first Test **7.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **8.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.35** Euronews and at **11.00** Actuality **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Sportstrack: music and sporting memories from 1977 **8.00** The Monday Match: Everton v Leeds United **10.05** News Talk, with Niall Dickson **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **Midnight** Test Match Special: England v Australia. The fifth and final day of the first Test

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** The Struggle for Oil **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** I've Got Something To Tell You **9.30** Learning World **9.45** Sports **10.00** News **10.01** Help! I'm Going To Be a Parent **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Counterpoint **12.45** Sports **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** It's Your Business **3.00** News **3.15** Pop on the Line **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** Jolly Good Show **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Counterpoint **3.00** News **3.15** Sports **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Korngold (Violin Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** A to Z of Classical Music **8.00** Evening Concert: Music for Hannukah **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Janey, Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Monteverdi (Vespers, 1610, excerpts); Bliss (Introduction and Allegro); Haydn (Symphony No 100 in G, Military); Ljadov (Baba-Yaga, Op 56); Mozart (Adagio and Rondo in C minor, K617); Webern (Im Sommerwind)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Christoph Willibald Gluck. Presented by Gwen Hughes
10.00 Musical Encounters: *Artist of the Week*: Carlos Kleiber, conductor. J. Strauss, son, (Tritsch-Tratsch Polka); **10.05** Bach (English Suite No 1 in A); Herrmann (Love Music, Vertigo); Praetorius (Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D); Purcell (My Beloved Speke); Falla (Psyché); Berlioz (Le Chasseur danois); Weber (Der Freischütz)
12.00 Impresario! Geoffrey Baskerville explores opera in 19th-century Paris. With music by Bizet, Gounod and Delibes
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert: live from St John's, Smith Square, London. The Cleveland Quartet performs Schubert (Quartettsatz in C minor; Quartet in A minor)
2.00 Schools: Radio Q and A **2.05** Word Games **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 Valmberg: Symphony No 5
3.45 Calgary International Organ Festival: William Robson introduces performances from the semi-final rounds, in the first of three programmes. Scheidemann (Magnificat on the 8th tone); Sweelinck (Mein junges Leben hat ein End'); Liszt (Prelude and Fugue on Bach); Dupré (Variations sur un Noël)
4.30 Strange Arrangement: The Jazz Detectives' pastiche tells on Carla Bley, the American pianist
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson explores technology and music starting with music concrete
5.15 In Tune: Brahms (Ballade in G minor); Berlioz (Villanelle, Les Nuits d'été); **6.30** Fauré (Elégie); Purcell (Lost is my quiet forever)
7.30 A Stravinsky and Poulenc Double-Bill: Two operas in concert performances given this year at the Salzburg Festival: the Austrian Radio Chorus performs Stravinsky's *The Nightingale*, after the tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Words by Stepan Mikusov. Sung in Russian; the Austrian Radio SO under Pinchas Steinberg performs Poulenc's *La Voix humaine*, after the play by Jean Cocteau. Sung in French
9.30 Are You Still Awake? See Choice
9.45 Magnificat by Lassus, based on a madrigal by Giovanni Maria Nanino (r)
9.55 Bernard d'Ascoli, piano. Debussy (Préludes Book One); Fauré (Nocturne in D flat, Op 63) (r)
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: The Dowland Consort under Jakob Lindberg plays early English and Italian music. Recorded at the Royal College of Music, London

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Benn Tapes **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Nigella Lawson. With Tony Parsons, Clive James, Professor Peter Hennessy and Virginia Valentine
10.00-10.30 News; With Great Pleasure (FM only): The writer and director Anthony Minghella chooses his favourite pieces of writing
10.00 Daily Service (LW only): from the Chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray
10.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Screenplay: Iain Johnstone hosts the celebrity film quiz. With Dawn French, John Thomson, Stephen Tompkinson and Dick Vosburgh **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Baby Grand: Based on a short story by the 1920s writer Stacy Aumonier. Amid family hostilities, a young girl struggles to study the piano. With Trevor Peacock, Oona Beason and John Baddeley (r)
3.00 Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Richard Eyre's first operatic production of *La traviata* at the Royal Opera House, London; and visits the Tower Museum, Derby
4.45 Short Story: Green Fingers, by Bernard Taylor. Read by Mark Straker
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: The antidote to penal games, with Tim Brooke-Taylor, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Willie Rushton. Humphrey Lyttelton in the chair (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Marked for Place. See Choice
9.15 What an Institution: Police. Russell Davies looks at the institutions which have made Britain great (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Poor Things. Jimmy Chisholm reads a ten-part adaptation of Alasdair Gray's satirical gothic romance (r)
11.00-11.30 The Street (FM only): Tony Wilkinson spends a week in Lister Avenue, Doncaster, South Yorkshire (r)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30 A Whole New Ball Game (FM only): Final part of the comedy series by Martin Davies
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Fiddle practice makes perfect after the bomb

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

The English are supposed to be gracious in triumph, so it's odd how in English dramas of ideas the winner of the argument rarely smiles politely and bites his lip, "We'll say no more". On the contrary, he tends to bang on and on, mercilessly, making absolutely sure to get the final word. Saturday's **Performance** production (BBC2) was an inspired choice for revival — J.B. Priestley's long-forgotten **Summer Day's Dream**, a richly poetic parable debating the claims of Progress and Happiness, in which Happiness won the laurels. But would Happiness rest content with a clear victory? Of course not. Watch out for those hobnail boots, Progress! Happiness is back for more! That's political playwriting all over, of course — not letting conclusions rest. Theatre in the 1970s was unbearable.

Summer Day's Dream was set in that unbearable decade, strangely enough — in 1975. But it was written in 1949 and, like William Morris's novel *News From Nowhere*, posited a future idyll in which society had sat back, learnt from its mistakes, and started over. Such optimism was profoundly touching. It supposed a rural, unimportant England recovered from atomic war (the largest town was Shrewsbury), in which people believed telecommunication was a retrograde development because it helped you to speak to people you didn't like. Which is definitely a Point.

In *News From Nowhere*, if I remember correctly, people cut hay. But in *Summer Day's Dream*, nobody works except at musical composition for the violin. The great thing about being poor and unimportant, it turns out, is that it creates more time for learning Shakespeare in the gardens of your large country house. Stephen Dawlish (Sir John Gielgud) sits like Prospero in his pleasant hall dominated by a huge fresco of pastoral. Meanwhile his handsome grandchildren (Paul Rhys and Emily Watson) are creative, emotional types who run, skip, and even leap rather than walk normally; and his daughter-in-law (Rosemary Harris) is a mystic with a wardrobe adopted from Arts and Crafts. It is a new wrinkle on science fiction, all this. Whoever gloomily prophesied perpetual nuclear winter seems to have got it completely wrong. Atomic war has plunged England into a golden, poetic Tuscan summer, with nightingales.

Preposterous is how it sounds, but amazingly Saturday's production by Christopher Morahan was magical enough to carry it off. Perhaps vicarious hope is better than no hope at all. Perhaps it's just stimulating to see a classical eclogue on television ("And now on BBC2, what's this? Good heavens, an *Eclogue*? What, like Virgil?"). Either way, just like that plucky Joanna Lumley on her desert island (**Girl Friday**, Saturday, BBC1 — see below), the troublesome visitors to Gielgud's Shakespearean retreat were overwhelmed by its influence, and left it with regret. These were the world's new rulers, who worshipped false gods — a Russian bureaucrat (Saskia Reeves), an American businessman (Mike McShane), and an Indian scientist (Paul Bhattacharjee). They arrived with briefcases — usually a cue for hissing in a Priestley play — and the vehicle that finally took them away was a mixture of scary effects, a combination searchlight, whirlwind and Tardis.

Would they turn the South Downs into an industrial processing plant? Truly, it never seemed likely. Luckily, Reeves fell touchingly in love with Rhys, roses bloomed in her cheeks, and she finally talked her colleagues round. But if she hadn't, the Dawlishes were unlikely to go without a fight. In a modern *Summer Day's Dream*, the visitors would stand firm, and then the poet-girl would go mad and garotte them with a home-made cheese wire and they would be buried under the roses, and everyone would say: "It was us or them; they were spoiling the earth." Reeves was terrific as always, with a brave, unfaltering Russian accent ("Det foss Shekspeer, hi tink?"), and Gielgud, though unstretched, made all his lines sound like the best ones.

Lumley, meanwhile, has neither Shakespeare nor a Bible on her desert island, which seemed a swizz. Instead she had a few tools, a bit of food, a film crew to talk to during the day, and a contract to stay on an island for nine days, looking after herself. Lumley was good company, but as a hypothetical Girl Friday it was truly about as useful as Priestley's advice on learning the violin after the big one. Refusing to catch fish, Lumley subsisted mainly on rice (supplied) and vegetable stock cubes (supplied); charitably, she left a recipe for this dinner, buried inside a billy-can on the beach. But imagine the despair of some long-bearded castaway digging it up. Rice? Stock cubes? They would crawl to their desiccated deaths scouring the island for Knorr and Uncle Ben's.

Finally, **The Natural World** (BBC1) returned yesterday with an instalment from the southern ocean, in this case a French research project measuring the migratory habits of the magnificent wandering albatross and the ever-popular king penguin. Little transmitters are strapped to the backs of these birds; flight information is transferred by satellite. It turns out that the albatross makes a staggering 8,000km journey in a week, ostensibly in search of a few fish — which tells us, if nothing else, that the albatross is a spectacularly picky eater. The drawback to the transmitters is that the birds look like suicide bombers. "Look out!" I wanted to yell during penguin crowd scenes, "That one's wired!"

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (57751)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News presented by Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando (98807596)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2687480)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5928312) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick.** Weekday magazine (s) (50967119)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7156848) **12.05 Pebble Mill** introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (6706206) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26012157)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (51916)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55399596) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** presented by Philip Hayton (s) (55393312)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama series (s) (6481138). **Wales:** Wales in Westminster Live 3.00-3.45 Knots Landing **3.00 Today's Gourmet.** Jacques Pepin prepares a modern version of a classic three-course meal (4190)

3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (4968225) **3.45 Monster Café** (s) (5956480) **4.00 Mortimer and Arabel.** Puppet comedy drama (3158022) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (7210409) **4.35 Mighty Max** (s) (5940935)

5.00 Newsround (4216867) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Includes the latest news on this year's *Blue Peter* Christmas Appeal. (Ceefax) (s) (2787683)

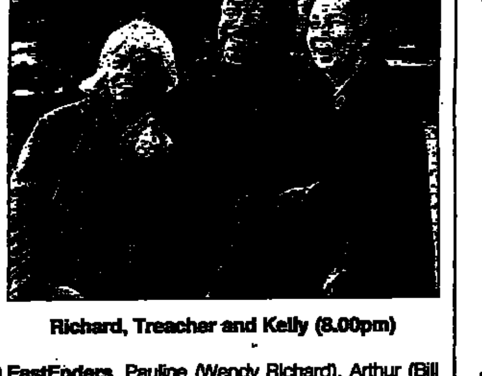
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (437670)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (799)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (751)

7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz (6799)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (s) (935)



Richard, Treacher and Kelly (8.00pm)

8.00 EastEnders. Pauline (Wendy Richard), Arthur (Bill Treacher) and Nellie (Elizabeth Kelly) arrive in Eastbourne. (Ceefax) (s) (2119)

8.30 The Brittas Empire. (Ceefax) (s) (4954)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7022)

9.30 Panorama: Ferries — the Fatal Flaw. A report on the failure of governments and ferry companies to act on warnings about the potentially fatal design of *roll-on, roll-off passenger ferries.* (Ceefax) (775954)

10.10 First Born. Episode two of the three-part thriller about the birth of a man/gorilla hybrid. Starring Charles Dance (r). (Ceefax) (388577)

11.05 Film 94 With Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Miracle on 34th Street.* (Ceefax) (s) (827751)

11.35 FILM: The Outfit (1974) starring Robert Duvall, Karen Black, Robert Ryan and Joe Dan Baker. Thriller about a former convict who takes on the Mafia after his brother is murdered when they unwittingly rob a mob-run bank. Directed by John Flynn (476577)

1.15am Weather (9673417). Ends at **1.20**

3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (31349)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps (r) (8823461) **7.05 Barney** (r) (8822732) **7.10 Thundercats** (r) (7106913) **7.35 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9376393)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6562645) **8.15 The Record.** A report on Friday's proceedings in Parliament, presented by Michael Fairbairn (8886886) **8.35 Writers' Houses.** Lord David Cecil visits Chawton, the Hampshire village where Jane Austen lived (r) (6218288) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (1733596)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6950645) **1.45** Words and Pictures (56201480) **2.00** Just So Stories (35740413)

2.10 The Natural World: Treasures of the Andes

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **What a Carry On!** Clips from the popular *Carry On* series of film comedies

3.25 Westminster: A Matter of Confidence? Live coverage of the start of the debate on Britain's contribution to the European Union budget

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cuisine magazine (s) (848)

5.00 Esther. Discussion series (s) (4577)

5.30 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (428)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Classic science fiction adventures (r) (132577)

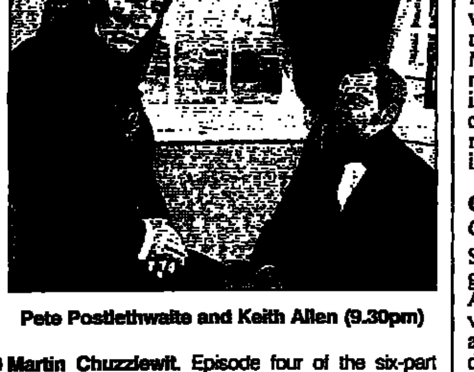
6.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. *A is for Art Nouveau* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (278732)

7.00 The World at War (r). (Ceefax) (6645)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Close Encounters.** (Ceefax) (s) (180935)

8.50 10 x 10: Galileo's Dream. An elderly man awaits the passing of a comet. (Ceefax) (s) (989916)

9.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w). More vintage rag-and-bone humour (r) (5664)



Pete Postlethwaite and Keith Allen (9.30pm)

9.30 Martin Chuzzlewit. Episode four of the six-part adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel. Jonas (Keith Allen), seeking to insure the life of the new Mrs Chuzzlewit, meets Tigg Montague (Pete Postlethwaite). (Ceefax) (s) (16886)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (980119)

11.15 CHOICE **The New Middle Ages** (s) (498848)

11.55 Weather (228886)

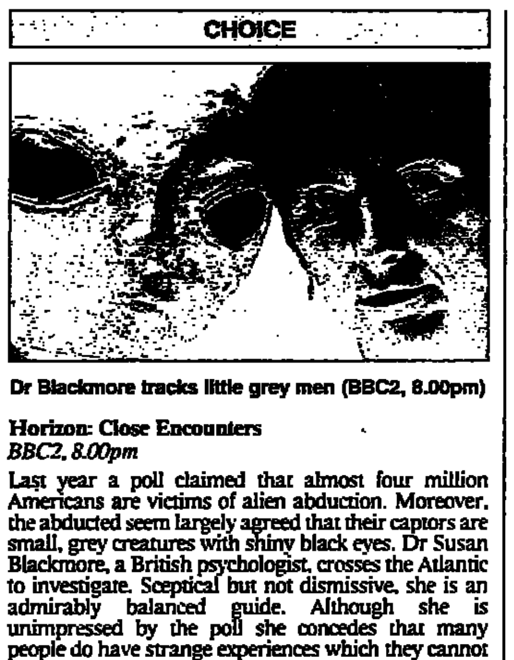
12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** The day in Parliament reviewed by Sir Bernard Ingham (3362558). Ends at **12.55am**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Teaching Today (r) (10542)

4.45-5.00 BBC Select: Disability Agenda (r). (Ceefax and signing) (67893558)

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CHOICE



Dr Blackmore tracks little grey men (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: Close Encounters
BBC2, 8.00pm

Last year a poll claimed that almost four million Americans are victims of alien abduction. Moreover, the abducted seem largely agreed that their captors are small, grey creatures with shiny black eyes. Dr Susan Blackmore, a British psychologist, crosses the Atlantic to investigate. Sceptical but not dismissive, she is an admirably balanced guide. Although she is unimpressed by the poll she concedes that many people do have strange experiences which they cannot explain. Dr Blackmore suggests that the answer may lie in the brain. Unwittingly, perhaps, the programme gives the impression that extra-terrestrial kidnappings only happen in north America.

The New Middle Ages
BBC2, 11.15pm

Launching a week of programmes looking into the future, this stimulating film from *The Late Show* stable suggests that Aldous Huxley, H. G. Wells and George Orwell got it wrong. We may not be entering a brave new world of mass regimentation and technological domination but going back to the Middle Ages. The parallels, suggested by French writer Alain Minc, are persuasive. Then, as now, tribalism threatened the integrity of the state. The Middle Ages had the Black Death, we have Aids. Even more intriguingly the programme links the information super-highway with medieval manuscripts. Both rely on images rather than words and raise the thought that print culture may be just an interlude in human development.

Cutting Edge: Glasshouse
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Supporters of a tough line on law and order may gather ammunition from this inside view of what the Army calls a military corrective training centre. We visit such a place in Colchester, where soldiers, men and women, are sent for crimes going all the way from disobedience to murder. If civilian prisons have got the reputation for being holiday camps provided by the state, there are few comforts here. Television is barred and even a radio has to be earned. Specks of fluff on a uniform are enough to provoke a torrent of invective. Among the inmates is 19-year-old Private Gail Wright, who finds discipline hard to take and is manifestly not cut out to be a soldier.

People First: Give and Take
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Four years ago Dave Lee was badly injured in a car accident and lost the use of both legs. He became so depressed at his lack of mobility, particularly not being able to play football with his young son, that he wrote a final note to his wife and prepared for suicide. His saviour was Richard Kember, a counsellor with the Spinal Injuries Association. Like David, Richard was confined to a wheelchair. The film uses this and other examples to highlight the growing practice of "peer counselling", in which one disabled person helps another. Another case features a nine-year-old boy who, like his counsellor, has no speech. They communicate through a system of words and symbols which is being demonstrated on TV for the first time.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3926799)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4038190) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6960022)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (9519138)

10.35 This Morning. Family magazine (73413751) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (7145732)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7409765)

12.55 Coronation Street (Teletext) (r) (6859026) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (20834393)

1.55 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice investigates whether bottled water is healthier for us than the tap variety (s) (52939515) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (23846515)

2.50 Carlton People. Monthly magazine exploring the issues and campaigns affecting people in and around the capital (7973138)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6253157) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6252428)

3.30 Rainbow (r) (4962041) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3951664) **3.50 St Tiggywinkles** (4973157) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (8797886) **4.30 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (5945480) **4.50 How 2** (2891393)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2771022)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (617206)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (907634)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (867)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (119)

7.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Mesmerising entertainment (s) (1867)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (913)

8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show (3765)

8.30 World in Action. This month millions of schoolchildren will be vaccinated against measles. However, there may be serious possible side effects and the programme asks whether the risks are worth taking? (9022)



Geraldine Somerville as a rape victim (9.00pm)

9.00 Cracker: Men Should Weep starring Robbie Coltrane in the second of a three-part drama. DS Penhaligon (Geraldine Somerville) may know her attacker. (Teletext) (s) (2683)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (12480)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (470867)

10.40 FILM: My Blue Heaven (1990) starring Steve Martin. When a gangster is given a new identity as part of the witness protection programme, he is moved to an idyllic suburb after which chaos reigns. Directed by Herbert Ross (93082157)

12.30am The Little Picture Show (43788)

1.30 Endsleigh League Football Extra (6234165)

2.15 Traps with George C. Scott (7670417)

3.05 FILM: Rogue's Yarn (1956, b/w) starring Derek Bond. When a wealthy invalid is killed in a mysterious yachting accident, a policeman suspects the newly bereaved husband and his mistress. Directed by Vernon Sewell (8898252)

4.30 Videofashion (27146)

5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (15813)

5.30 ITN Morning News (78287). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (4723848)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (74867)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (39157)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (8499645) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8412596) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8813799) **10.20** The Maths Programme (7113664) **10.40** The English Programme (5629664) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9182393) **11.15** Art Adventures (9275683) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3138022) **11.45** Junior Technology (3133577)

12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (19393)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Maya Angelou (66916) **1.30 Hullabaloo** with Floella Benjamin (s). Followed by **Fourways Farm** (s) (r) (68157)

2.00 FILM: Pony Soldier (1953) starring Tyrone Power, Penny Edwards and Robert Horton. Western adventure about a Canadian Mountie who is sent in to the United States in 1876 to try to persuade a tribe of Cree Indians to return two hostages they have taken. Directed by Joseph M. Newman. (Teletext) (209935)

3.35 FILM: The Playhouse (1921, b/w). A Buster Keaton silent comedy (4865916)

4.00 Fat Man in Argentina. On the third of his four-leg journey by bike across Argentina, Tom Vernon reaches Patagonia and heads towards the Atlantic (r). (Teletext) (732)

4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving, knock-out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (916)

5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and topical chat from Dublin, presented by Gay Byrne (s) (1480)

6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American school comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (409)

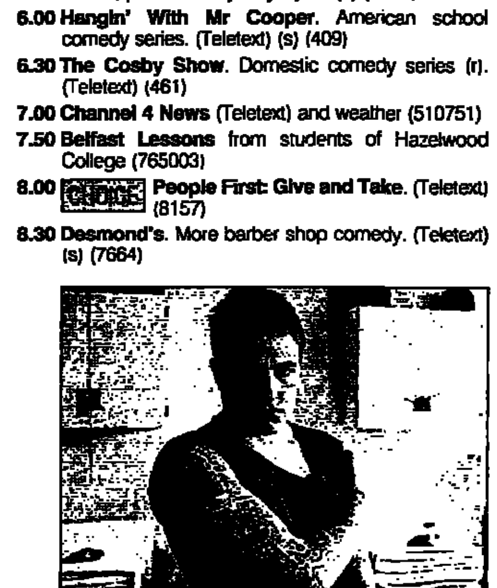
6.30 The Cosby Show. Domestic comedy series (r). (Teletext) (461)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (510751)

7.50 Belfast Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (765003)

8.00 CHOICE **People First: Give and Take.** (Teletext) (8157)

8.30 Desmond's. More barber shop comedy. (Teletext) (s) (7664)



Inside a military corrective centre (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Glasshouse.** (Teletext) (5175)

10.00 I'll Fly Away (Teletext) (s) (380935)

10.55 The American Football Big Match. Action from the Miami Dolphins v New York Jets and the Kansas City Chiefs v Seattle Seahawks games (374409)

11.55 Midnight Special. Vincent Hanna chairs a discussion on the future of John Major's Government, following tonight's vote on the European Finance Bill (684393)

1.15am Evening Shade. American comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (9405271)

1.50 FILM: The Mighty Barnum (1934, b/w) starring Wallace Beery, Adolphe Menjou and Virginia Bruce. Romanticised biography of the celebrated 19th-century American showman, P.T. Barnum. Directed by Walter Lang (924875). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (6960022) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7145732) **1.55** A Country Practice (55387751) **2.20** Houseparty (23838596) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7973138) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6252428) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2771022) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (742003) **10.30** Anglia News (470867) **10.40** The Calendar Girl Murders (16530799) **12.25am** Coach (1865287) **12.55** Pop Profile (2013320) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (3462728) **1.50** Sport AM (8702875) **2.45** Hot Wheels (22610) **3.15** The Beat (5167707) **4.10** Jobfinder (8132287) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (15813)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55387751) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (23838596) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7973138) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2771022) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (742003) **10.30** Central News and Weather (470867) **10.40** Millionaires (761515) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (899428) **12.05am-12.30** Get Wet (1781271) **3.00-3.05** On The Live Side. Jon Hendricks - Parkers Mood (38654392) **4.30** Jobfinder (1181900) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2913417)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (6859026) **1.25** Home and Away (87009770) **1.50** Danielle Steel's Fine Things (8496848) **2.50-3.20** Look and Cook (7973138) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2771022) **6.25** Granada Tonight (742003) **7.00-7.30** The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna (1867) **10.40** Stuff the White Rabbit (761515) **11.10** With .. M-People (811190) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (857577) **12.35am** Best of British Motor Sport (1247981) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (3462726) **1.50** Sport AM (8702875) **2.45** Hot Wheels (22610) **3.15** The Beat (5167707) **4.10** Jobfinder (8132287) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (15813)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55-3.20 Escape Route (6355916) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (2771022) **5.55** Home and Away (674914) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (742003) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (470867) **10.40** Secrets of the Moor (761515) **11.10** Bristol Old Vic Plays: Holiday on Glass (811190) **11.40** Canvas (581670) **12.10am** Magnum (3265891) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (3462726) **1.50** Sport AM (8702875) **2.45** Hot Wheels (22610) **3.15** The Beat (5167707) **4.10** Jobfinder (8132297) **5.00-5.30** Top Ten (15813)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (2771022) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (742003) **10.40** Primetime (761515) **11.10** Queen Sacrifice (811190) **11.40-12.10pm** The Wynford Vaughan-Thomas Season (581670)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55387751) **2.20** Houseparty (23838596) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7973138) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2771022) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (867) **6.30-7.00** Spirit of the South Down by the River (119) **10.40** Meridian Focus (761515) **11.10** Without Prejudice? (811190) **11.40-12.30am** Murder, She Wrote (199190)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 Gardening Time (52939515) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (23837867) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2771022) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (46935) **10.40** Secrets of the Sea Caves (761515) **11.10** Power Game (811190) **11.40** Phoenix (857577) **12.35am** Coach (1247981) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (3462726) **1.50** Sport AM (8702875) **2.45** Hot Wheels (22610) **3.15** The Beat (5167707) **4.10** Jobfinder (8132287) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (15813)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55387751) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (23838596) **2.55-3.20** The Young Doctors (6202954) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2771022) **5.55** Calendar (775206) **6.30-7.00** Dales Diary (119) **10.40** Bryson's World (761515) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (899428) **12.05am** Sprockets (1779436) **12.35** The Great British Train Robbery (477981) **2.30** The New Music (54897) **3.30** Coach (26000455) **3.55-5.30** Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (74867) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (39157) **9.30** Ysgolion (785577) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (19393) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwithr (69686) **1.00** Trumpton (77954) **1.30** Crawshaw Paints Acrylics (89157) **2.00** Seven Hills Of Rome (368157) **3.55** Terrytoons (8779480) **4.00** Waterways (732) **4.30** Batman (916) **5.00** 5 Pump (1344480) **5.15** 5 Pump (5884409) **5.30** Fifteen To One (595) **6.00** Newyddion (423935) **6.20** Heno (765954) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5409) **7.30** Sgorio (16935) **8.30** Newyddion (7664) **9.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (6472) **9.30** Roseanne (49022) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (380935) **10.55** The American Football Big Match (8993024) **12.15am** Desmond's (18417) **12.45** Home Improvement (17788)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (31409) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (8753409) **8.45** Cartoons (5555134) **9.30** Card Sharks (74732) **10.00** Concentration (8316683) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9167577) **10.30** Candid Camera (46461) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (24886) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (60041) **12.30pm** E Street (85848) **1.00** Falcon Crest (73003) **2.00** Harem (67003) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8323683) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (1066954) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9428) **6.00** Gamesworld (8041) **6.30** Blockbusters (9393) **7.00** E Street (5747) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5577) **8.00** Adventures of Brisco County Jr (34138) **9.00** Melrose Place (14374) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (17461) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (782799) **11.45** WIOU (883683) **12.45am** Barney Miller (75726) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (72639)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5977041) **9.30** Worldwide Report (5744428) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (4830577) **11.00** World News and Business (596041) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (81312) **2.30** Parliament Live (18886) **4.00** World News and Business (78525) **5.00** Live at Five (3570) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (24751) **8.00** World News and Business (9714428) **9.10** CBS 60 Minutes (83451428) **11.30** CBS Evening News (54374) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (9492610) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (7106884) **2.30** Parliament Replay (53981) **4.30** CBS News (80523) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (18829)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7025041) **10.00 One Million Years BC** (1966) (22646190) **11.40 Flight of the Phoenix** (1965) (81434935) **2.00pm Bloomfield** (1969) (229664) **3.45 Hello, Dolly!** (1969) (99756480) **6.10 The Man in the Moon** (1991) (18131461) **8.00 Splitting Heirs** (1992) (23022) **10.00 TC 2000** (1993) (808409) **11.35 A Better Tomorrow** (1992) (457729) **1.15am Valmont** (1989) (33362417) **3.30-5.00 Howling V: The Rebirth** (1989) (358368)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The War Lover (1962) (21503) **8.00 The Misfits** (1961) (53526022) **10.05-12.00 Midnight Cowboy** (1969) (194041)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Canon City (1948) (8578883) **7.25 Hiawatha:** Animation (8180138) **8.20 Return to Treasure Island.** Cartoon (96276848) **10.00 I Was a Male War Bride** (1949) (57206) **12.00 Sweet Smell of Success** (1957) (79848) **2.00pm Spaceballs** (1987) (241886) **3.50 Return to Treasure Island** As 8.20am (341645) **5.25 Breakout** (1984) (9530041) **6.30 Gabrielle and the Doodleman** (1984) (24770) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (1515) **8.00 Judgment Day: The John List Story** (1993) (21664) **10.00 Memoirs of an Invisible Man** (1992) (537867) **11.40 School Ties** (1992) (484461) **1.30am The Secret Life of Plants** (1973) (219455) **3.10-5.10 Neon Empire** (1991) (87055097)

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SKY SPORTS

7.30am World Sport Special (57138) **8.00** Watersports World (74003) **9.00** One to One (57864) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (83577) **10.00** Golf Australian PGA (96041) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (77428) **12.30pm** Super Sunday (76206) **2.00** One to One (7729) **2.30** World Sports Special (1770) **3.00** Bats, Balls and Bouncers (30848) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty (2022) **4.30** Windsurfing Tour (8206) **5.00** WWF Mania (3686) **6.00** Soccer News (121190) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (126645) **6.30** Fishing the West (3751) **7.00** Cricket: Australia v England (194732) **10.00** Soccer News (648683) **10.15** Dubai Rugby Sevens (8593022) **11.30** Cricket: Australia v England (6473577)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (42206) **8.00** Figure Skating (23683) **10.00** Alpine Skiing (98409) **12.00** Motorsports (91596) **1.00pm** Tennis (76312) **2.30** Weightlifting (67409) **3.30** Nascar (45022) **4.30** Samba Football (48190) **6.30** Eurosport News (5113) **7.00** Speedworld (54916) **8.00** Nascar (63654) **9.00** Eurogoals (34664) **10.30** Boxing (58175) **11.30** Eurogolf (94916) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (39694)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8847751) **8.30** Peyton Place (8846022) **9.00** As the World Turns (9054157) **10.00** Guiding Light (9278225) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9258461)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Discover Your World: Eco Cuba (8857138) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3099374) **1.00** Ski Perfect (9269577) **1.30** Pierre Franey (3098645) **2.00** American Adventurer (2900003) **2.30** Things for Kids to do in Florida (5380799) **3.00** Discover Your World (2929138) **3.30** Mansion (5352916) **4.00** Ski Perfect (5384751) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5380935) **5.00** Things for Kids to do in Florida (2924683) **5.30** Pierre Franey (5384515) **6.00** Australia (5391428) **6.30** American Adventurer (5365480) **7.00** Discover Your World (2911119) **7.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (5361664) **8.00** Sky Travel Guide (2318585) **9.00** Australia (7879157) **9.30** Bavarian Forest (3019138) **10.00** Golf in Paradise (8858867) **10.30** Pierre Franey (8857515) **11.00** Australia (7841374) **11.30-12.00** Mansion (5826935)



Interview with the actor Mickey Rourke (Bravo, 9.30pm)

TLC

8.00am Painting (8046206) **9.30** Good Cooking! (7220206) **10.00** Private Lives (1502008) **10.30** Only Human (1236393) **11.30** Life is for Living (3317206) **12.00** A Change of Mind (7243157) **1.00pm** Good Cooking! (9483157) **1.30** Painting (7223393) **2.00** Talking Heads (8304461) **2.30** The Sick Kids (3899616) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (8323596) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (8849111)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (9433916) **7.00** Every Second Counts (9433916) **7.30** Neighbours (9445751) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3896503) **8.30** EastEnders (4246044) **9.00** The Bill (6202356) **9.30** One by One (13170732) **11.35** The Sullivans (19131751) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8280680) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7226480) **1.00** EastEnders (9465515) **1.30** The Bill (7225751) **2.00** George and Mildred (8313119) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (1099634) **3.00** Knots Landing (3313480) **4.00** Dynasty (65159515) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (3758225) **5.55** Terry and June (2192206) **6.30** EastEnders (6944585) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2591157) **8.00** Life Without George (8326583) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (9305190) **9.00** Tenko (2580041) **10.00** The Bill (5791139) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9721886) **11.10** Who Pays the Ferryman? (6182190) **12.10am** Dr Who (9782558) **12.30** Juliet Bravo (6653097) **12.40** Gangsters (50071146) **1.45** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan III (3088755) **6.15** Bobobobs (293799) **6.45** Casper and Friends (285770) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (9219616) **7.25** Eek the Cat (4871732) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (8084008) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7412645) **8.40** Tifou (8234515) **8.50** Cococinel (8230799) **9.00** It's Droobee Time (22515) **10.00** Paddington (46119) **11.00** Kiny Cats (79751) **11.30** Barney and Friends (70480) **12.00** Ratkan III (11886) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39440428) **12.40** Eek the Cat (1695393) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70680683) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51184480) **1.50** Tifou (51180664) **2.00** Babar (2799) **2.30** Care Bears (3770) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2003683) **3.15** Bobby's World (806312) **3.45** The Bots' Master (805683) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2651848) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (8026)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (8312515) **7.15** Grimmy (640683) **7.45** Rugrats (849954) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9156799) **8.30** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (2118515) **8.45** Nickalive! (2108770) **9.00** Nick Jr (734409) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (68770) **12.30pm** Rugrats (85935) **1.00** Doug (35916) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (84206) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1041) **2.30** Smoggies (9312) **3.00** Nick Faves (7848) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (1157) **4.00** Turtles Gold (6044) **4.30** Rugrats (6848) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2393) **5.30** Doug (6288) **6.00** Grimmy (1111) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1393)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm From Monkeys to Apes (9194008) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries (7298472) **5.00** China — The Unveiled Highlands (8314848) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7232041) **7.00** Ambulance! (8315577) **7.30** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (6849931) **8.00** Wildside (2575119) **9.00** Arabia — Sand, Sea and Sky (2588683) **10.00** China Run (2581770) **11.00** Secret Weapons (3331886) **11.30-12.00** Spirit of Survival (9607472)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: In the Doghouse (1961). Comedy about rival vets. With Leslie Phillips and Hattie Jacques (7007698) **2.00** The Avengers (8700523) **3.00** My Three Sons (8310022) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (4249157) **4.00** FILM: Bonnie Prince Charlie (1948) (8321138) **6.00** The Protectors (2344521) **6.30** Cannon (3932157) **7.30** The Invisible Man (8944765) **8.00** The Avengers (2562645) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3323867) **9.30** Mickey Rourke Canned (7231312) **10.00-12.00** FILM: 9½ Weeks (1986). Mickey Rourke and Kim Basinger begin a passionate affair (3314119)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (1795751) **7.00** Living Magazine (6207356) **8.00** OK2 Talk Feelings (2662995) **8.15** Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga (5012616) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3069577) **9.00** Masterchef (1514374) **9.35** Definition (3599157) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2364022) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (3072041) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1759225) **12.00** Through the Looking Glass (1208770) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1492867) **1.30** On the House (6557190) **2.00** Agony Hour (2365751) **3.00** Living Magazine (3014595) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24525374) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2278206) **4.30** Definition (49829577) **4.55** Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery (6517374) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2281770) **6.00** Maternal World (2288683) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2279935) **7.00** Living Magazine (1254480) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (1270428) **9.00** FILM: Coma (1978): Doctor Genevieve Bujold uncovers a conspiracy (64118683) **11.10** Gladrags and Glamour (5131954) **11.30-12.00** Susan Powter (2360206)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (6751) **5.30** Motormouth (27765) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (5751) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6515) **7.30** Evening Shade (1335) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (10596) **9.00** Moonlighting (90732) **10.00** Catchphrase (12515) **10.30** GP (98935) **11.00** Lou Grant (47848) **12.00** Rhoda (99788) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (60788) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (14252) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (44981) **2.00** Moonlighting (13252) **3.00** Lou Grant (46639) **4.00** Rhoda (63610) **4.30** Evening Shade (56207)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (41732) **6.30** The Grind (19577) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (15374) **8.00** VJ Ingo (647409) **11.00** Soul (51041) **12.00** Greatest Hits (19916) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (4186541) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (5340175) **3.45** Cinematic (4895080) **4.00** News at Night (2873683) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2863206) **4.30** Dial MTV (2664) **5.00** Hit List UK (90139) **7.00** Greatest Hits (71026) **8.00** Model (4393) **8.30** House of Style Fifth Anniversary Special (3428) **9.00** Real World 3 (88645) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (10645) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (448770) **10.15** Cinematic (443225) **10.30** News at Night (294409) **10.45** 3 from 1 (282664) **11.00** The End? (59857) **1.00am** The Soul (40271) **2.00** The Grind (58788) **2.30** Night Videos

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9268848) **9.00** Café (1097683) **12.00** The Bridge (6786799) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (3362480) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8177119) **3.30** Into the Music (8596751) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3009751) **7.00** For You (6813995) **8.00** Album Chart (2413139) **10.00** The Bridge (9027003) **11.30** VH-1 to. B.B King (5828393) **12.00** The Nightfly (2052438) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (2721419) **3.00** Album Chart (3184558) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (1213165)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (38333) **6.00** Close (64003) **7.00** Asian Morning (21596) **8.30** Bunyaad (40616) **9.00** Pakistani FILM: Badaltey Rishte (372683) **12.00** Ghar (37312) **1.00pm** Pakistani Drama (13732) **2.00** Hindu FILM: Raaz (263461) **5.00** TVA and You (9567) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (1312) **7.00** Pakistani Drama (50190) **8.00** News Bulletin (76138) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Anaam (673490) **12.00** Asian Morning (552271) **1.35am** Sight and Sound (95152707)

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Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Spotlight on James Mason
7.00pm Forever Darling (1956) (66622461) **8.40 East Side West Side** (1949) (75236480) **10.35 Cry Terror** (1958) (30539157) **12.20am Candlelight in Algeria** (1944) (73217639) **1.55 The Decks Ran Red** (1958) (90919165) **3.30-5.00 Candlelight in Algeria** As 12.20am (32606707)

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Clarke expected to raise his forecast for growth in Budget

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FINANCIAL markets are gearing up for a Budget tomorrow that will be delivered against a background of unprecedented turmoil within the Conservative Party but which is widely anticipated to be supportive of both shares and gilts.

Lower than expected inflation and higher growth than anticipated last year mean that large cuts in public spending control totals — of perhaps £6 billion — and a much lower forecast for the public sector borrowing requirement next year are widely assumed. The City is looking for a PSBR of below £23 billion, compared with the £28 billion predicted in the Treasury's summer forecast.

Such has been the confidence in these two elements of the Budget that spending cuts totalling less than this and a more cautious PSBR projection are likely to be badly received.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is expected to raise his forecast for growth next year to 3 per cent, compared with the 2.75 per cent assumed in the summer. But he is also expected to lower his inflation estimate from 2.75 per cent at the end of 1995 to 2.5 per cent. The prospect of more favourable growth and inflation, coupled with large spending cuts, should be supportive of the markets. But there has also been widespread speculation that the Chancellor could make decisions more directly helpful to gilts and equities.

The favourable current scenario of healthy growth with low inflation has been compromised by the sharp rise in long-term bond yields this year. Measures that would prop up the gilt market would pay economic dividends in the form of lower bond yields.

Gilts, which should profit most clearly from a lower PSBR and large spending cuts, should also receive a boost from an announcement that the Treasury has agreed that the Bank of England should set up a repo market in gilt-edged issues. There was a strong hint from the Bank last week that this measure, which should enhance the market's flexibility and its attractiveness to foreign investors, could be announced as early as the Budget and, if not, soon after.

For equities, there is a great deal of talk about changes to capital gains tax. Today, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce urges the Chancellor to abolish the liability for capital gains tax after a period of five years' worth of investment in any small business.

Peter Wyman, tax partner at Coopers & Lybrand, said yesterday that with tax self-assessment probably two years' away, there was a considerable incentive to scrap capital gains tax and so simplify the tax system.

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European giants bid for BR yards

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

AN ARRAY of Europe's largest engineering companies has bid for British Rail's six maintenance yards, which together have almost 4,000 employees. The privatisation, which should be completed by April, is expected to trigger heavy redundancies.

Siemens, the German electronics group, has formed a joint venture with Babcock International, the British engineering business, to bid for at least three of the yards. ABB, the Swiss power engineering group that already owns British Rail's former engineering operations in Derby and Crewe, is also a leading contender.

GEC Alsthom, the engineering joint venture of GEC, has been shortlisted as a bidder for at least one yard. AEG, the engineering division of Daimler Benz, is also thought to be a bidder. Details of the privatisation have been uncovered by *Modern Railways*, the authoritative monthly magazine on the industry.

The company, British Rail Maintenance Ltd, is being quietly sold off to the private sector as a precursor to the privatisation of Railtrack. BRML, which had a turnover of £168 million last year, carries out much of the vital maintenance work on British Rail's trains and rolling stock.

British Rail says there is more than one bidder for each of the six sites at Springburn, near Glasgow; Doncaster; Wolverton, near Milton Keynes; Chart Leacon, near Ashford, Kent; Ilford, Essex; and Eastleigh, Southampton. A shortlist has been drawn up and final offers must be submitted before Christmas. The Government is keen to complete the privatisation before the end of the financial year.

It is guaranteeing a minimum workload for the yards for at least four years. This will continue at 100 per cent until 1995, but will then be scaled back by 20 per cent each year after that.

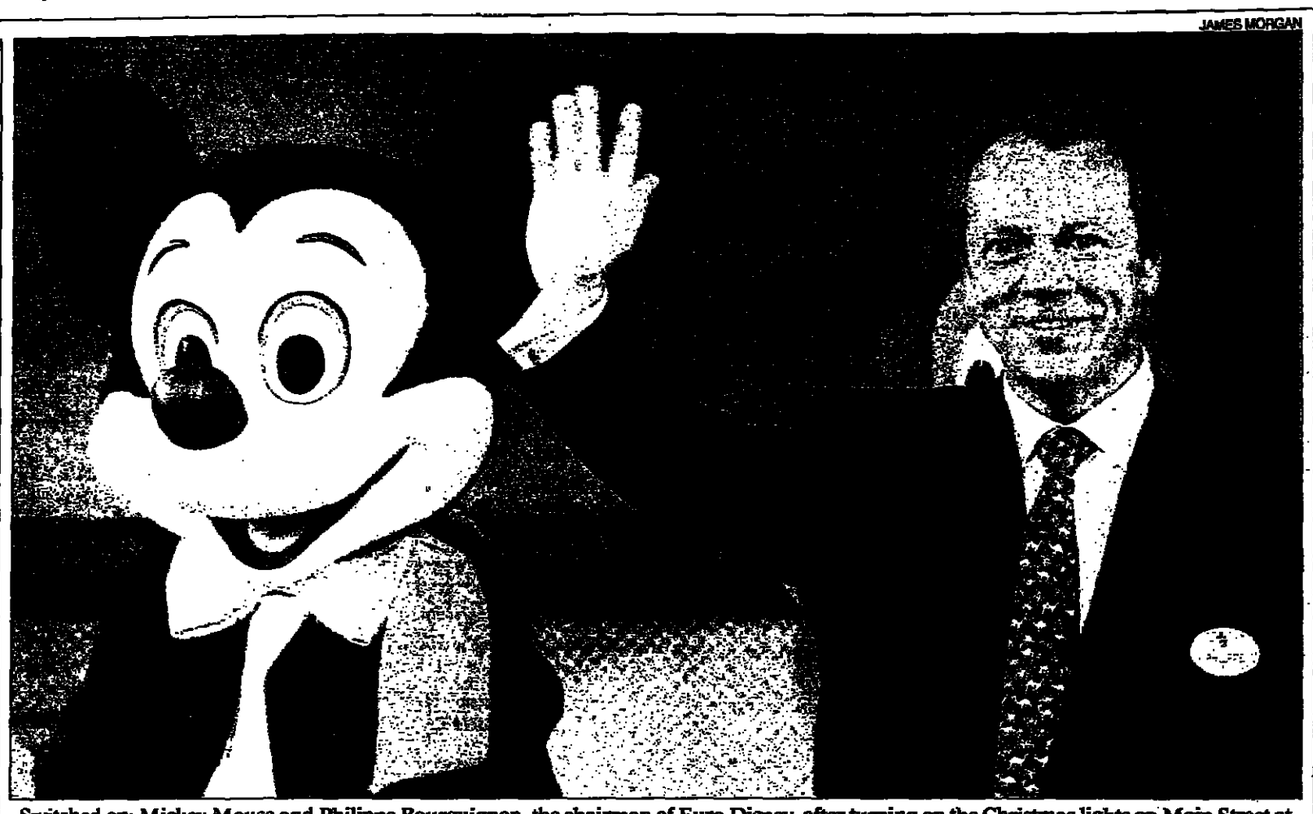
The operations are regarded by private companies as being heavily overmanned. They currently employ 3,800 and the successful bidders are expected to cut the workforce by more than 1,000 to reduce costs.

These redundancies will be reflected in the sale price and the entire disposal is only expected to raise £50 million, in spite of the value of the assets and land being sold.

John Parker, chairman of Babcock, confirmed that his company had been shortlisted as a bidder but did not confirm or deny that it was in partnership with Siemens. The company has built up a rail refurbishment business at Rosyth Royal Dockyard and hopes that it could combine this with BRML's plants to offer a full maintenance service to the privatised rail operators.

Babcock is most interested in the Springburn yard, which is nearest to Rosyth, but is also believed to have made bids for Wolverton and Doncaster. The interest of German companies in the British railway industry reflects their more optimistic outlook on its future compared with that of British businesses.

JAMES MORGAN



Switched on: Mickey Mouse and Philippe Bourguignon, the chairman of Euro Disney, after turning on the Christmas lights on Main Street at Disneyland Paris in the build-up to the festive season. Euro Disney hopes to attract more visitors and improve revenue in the four-week period

NFC drops McKinsey after getting £10m bill

BY OUR DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

NFC, the troubled transport group, has severed its links with McKinsey, the management consultant, after receiving a bill for almost £10 million from the firm.

The group stopped using McKinsey, which was advising on reorganisation, soon after the board ousted Peter Sherlock, the chief executive, last August. It was Mr Sherlock who appointed the firm and used up to six consultants to look into every aspect of the group. The consultants are believed to have cost the firm up to £4,000 a day.

Details of the size of the bill, which will be covered by £45 million reorganisation provision the group took last year, will stun the City when it is announced in the company's full-year figures next month. The cost is equal to almost a tenth of the group's annual profits.

Mr Sherlock's extensive use of management consultants is thought to have been a key factor in his downfall. The other directors felt he was listening to the advice of McKinsey rather than his own board and thought they were being shut out of any decision-making. Mr Sherlock is now suing the group for £1.3 million compensation for loss of office.

Next month, Sir Christopher Bland, the former chairman of LWT, will take over as chairman of NFC. His first task will be to heal the rift in the boardroom caused by the removal of Peter Sherlock.

As part of this, he needs to appoint a chief executive. Industry sources expect him to choose an NFC insider and the favourite candidate is Robbie Burns, managing director of Exel Logistics and BRS.

The group is thought to be debating whether it should take further provisions to pay for its reorganisation, in the wake of Mr Sherlock's departure. While some directors are keen to set up a fighting fund, others feel the City will attack any further restructuring costs after the group's £45 million provision last year.

Grid flotation plan prompts clash with NCC over windfall

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NATIONAL Grid Holdings has submitted plans for its flotation next summer to Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

The plans are believed to include a £10 cash windfall to all the customers of the 12 regional electricity companies (RECs) at a cost of £200 million and a £1 billion capital gains tax payment to the Government, paid for by loading the company with debt at flotation.

But National Grid and its shareholders are concerned by a call from the National Consumers' Council (NCC) to increase the dividend for bill payers to £50 each. This, they believe, would weigh National Grid down with too much debt when it floats and may force the company to abandon its flotation plans entirely.

The National Grid is expected to lobby the DTI against a higher payment, arguing that it will also reduce the amount of tax the Government will earn from the float. Last week, the NCC wrote to Mr Heseltine, calling on him to improve the terms of the float for customers. The Government has the final say in National Grid's float, due its golden share.

The National Grid's plans, which the RECs have agreed, involve a hand-out of Grid shares to REC shareholders, while the Grid will pay the CGT and the money to the bill-payers by increasing its gearing as high as 100 per cent. The company is hoping to receive the go-ahead from the Government in the new year and looks on course for a flotation in June or July. This would prevent it clashing with the Government's privatisation of its remaining 40 per cent stake in the two generators, scheduled for February.

Leeds and Halifax block new accounts

BY NEIL BENNETT

THE Halifax and Leeds Building Societies have ordered all their 1,100 branches not to open any new savings accounts to prevent investors cashing in on their plans to merge and then convert to a public company.

The two societies put a block on new accounts within hours of confirming reports of their impending merger on Friday. The Leeds was first, managing to contact all its 453 branches by 11am, only an hour after details of the merger began to be released in the City.

Both societies contacted all their branches through their central computer networks and told them to refuse any account applications until further notice. The two societies' eight million investing and 2.3 million borrowing members will receive a windfall of shares in the merged group when it floats on the stock market.

The Halifax and the Leeds are planning to launch new-style deposit accounts within the next two weeks. These will pay interest like the other accounts, but the holders will not become members of either society and will not be eligible for shares in any flotation of the merged group.

Industry watchers expect a wave of savings accounts to be opened at the Woolwich and at the Alliance & Leicester, Britain's third and fourth societies, which are tipped as next in line to look for a merger party or to demutualise.

Jon Foulds, Halifax's chairman, predicted at the start of the year that six or seven large deals in the building society movement were imminent. If accurate, this means that, after Lloyds Bank's bid for Cheltenham & Gloucester and this merger, there are at least four deals to come.

Government 'interfered in gas market'

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is about to be accused of direct political interference in Britain's domestic gas market by the all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee. The committee is set to make the accusation its main finding, when it publishes its report on the household gas market in the UK, due on December 6. It will call for legislative changes to rectify the move.

The charge of political interference and the call for the gas Bill to remedy it, which is expected to be made in the report, will centre on the decision by Ofgas, the industry's regulator, to set a key element of the standing charge on gas bills at a particular level.

The report is eagerly awaited by the key and potential players in the gas industry. In the Queen's Speech, the Government said it would introduce a Bill aimed at increasing competition in the UK gas market by 1988.

The standing charge, currently about £37 a year, appearing as 10.1p per day on customers' gas bills, is central to the political argument that the gas Bill will provoke, since higher standing charges hit low — and often, therefore, low-income — users disproportionately. British Gas says a fully "cost-reflective" standing charge should be about £42, while gas independents believe it could be as low as £22.

Within that standing charge, Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of Ofgas, has set the transportation element at £15 from October 1. An analysis by the committee will show that £15 is not only below the £26 suggested by British Gas, but also below the £18 proposed by gas independents. The committee will claim that the transportation figure reflects direct political interference by the Government aimed at deflecting political attacks over gas prices by setting the transportation element of the standing charge at a low level to help low-income gas users.

The committee's report is expected to call for the gas Bill to include provisions for fixing the transportation element at the proportion of the standing charge implied by a £15 level in order to maintain protection for low-use and low-income consumers in the change to a competitive gas market.

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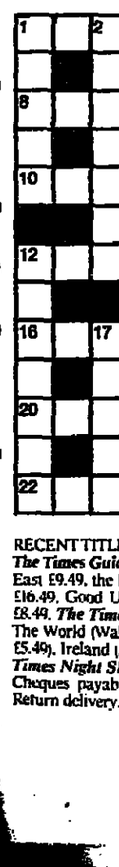
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ACROSS

1 Chest: seat of emotions (5)
4 Of the sweetest nature (7)
8 Names of those out of favour (9)
9 In the past (3)
10 Seedcase of the pea (3)
11 Insipid (9)
12 Near-bottom of hull: nonsense (5)
13 Hoarse: sled dog (5)
16 Volatile (temperament) (9)
18 Become sick (3)
20 Toothed implement (3)
21 Reckless (9)
22 Not moved to tears (3-4)
23 Welsh peninsula, captain (*Henry V*) (5)

DOWN

1 1940s jazz style (5)
2 Disgraceful behaviour (7)
3 Cause a violent disturbance (4,3,3,3)
4 Among (6)
5 Behave with total commitment (2,3,5,3)
6 Depart (5)
7 In peevish manner (7)
12 Bewildered (7)
14 Dull-coloured garden bird (7)
15 English gentleman (to foreigners once) (6)
17 Loud and disorderly (5)
19 Stratum (5)

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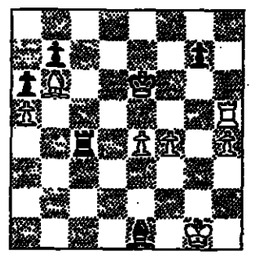
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DOWN: 1 Fated 2 Nut 3 Stencil 4 Endear 5 Haver 6 Molecular 7 Die-hard 11 Cut it fine 13 Mandate 15 Truffle 16 Zealot 18 Craft 19 Dance 22 Lit

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine - Capablanca, Buenos Aires 1927. White is a pawn up, but after the natural 1 Re5+, 1 ... Kd6 leaves him rather tangled. Can you see what he played instead to preserve his extra pawn?



Solution, page 41
Raymond Keene, Saturday correction, page 8

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

JOUAL
a. Coarse French
b. Monitor at Lady Eleanor Holles
c. Heraldic beast

MACLURA
a. Scottish eyeliner
b. Inedible-orange tree
c. A Finnish diacritic

HODAD
a. Gardening tool
b. A square-dance cry
c. A nuisance to surfers

KORU
a. A spiral tattoo
b. A Japanese fan
c. Polynesian barter

Answers on page 41